

The Ohio Federation of Teachers and the Ohio Education Association also spoke out. OFT President Melissa Cropper said the decision will lead to greater activism among her members.

"This decision today is a momentary triumph for the wealthy special interests who backed this lawsuit," she said. "But the voices of working people will not go unheard. And unions, such as ours, remain the best way to make sure decision-makers - at work or in the halls of government - are listening."

The Ohio Civil Service Employees Association said the decision "will only further rig the economy in favor of the wealthy and corporate interests."

OAPSE Executive Director Joe Rugola called the decision political.

"Justice Alito even says in his opinion that unions are powerful and get things done for our members," he said. "That's what the anti-union forces are afraid of: that our collective voice on behalf of workers will mean better pay and benefits for working people."

Kennedy Retirement: Justice Kennedy announced his retirement Wednesday, paving the way for Republicans to move the court in a decidedly rightward direction, a fact that was not overlooked by many, including Ohio Right to Life, which predicted the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*.

"Moments like these are why pro-life Americans elected President Donald Trump," President Mike Gonidakis said. "He has the historic opportunity to add a justice who will serve as the fifth pro-life vote on the court. Ohio Right to Life's goal has always been to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and to see the end of abortion, which has killed 60 million American children in the last 45 years."

NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio Executive Director Kellie Copeland expressed concern that the next right-leaning appointee would be in a position to overturn the "constitutional right to access abortion."

"Americans have had their rights stripped away by the US Supreme Court, thanks in part to a stolen seat that should have been filled by President Barack Obama," she said. "Women, union members, and immigrants all were harmed by decisions handed down just this week. We need a court that protects and respects rights, not one that pushes the political agenda of Donald Trump, Mike Pence and their ultra conservative cronies."

U.S. Rep. Bill Johnson (R-Marietta) encouraged his upper chamber colleagues to act quickly on filling the court opening.

"I encourage President Trump to nominate a qualified jurist from the list of potential Supreme Court judges he unveiled during his presidential campaign - someone who will interpret the Constitution as written, rather than legislating from the bench," he said.

"Whoever ends up filling this vacancy will play a major role in the future of the high court."

Justice Kennedy plans to step down at the end of July, and U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) said he plans to hold a vote on a replacement this fall.

The White House in a statement provided no timeline on choosing the justice's successor and instead focused on his service.

"A Californian - like the president who appointed him - Justice Kennedy is a true man of letters," the statement read. "During his tenure on the court, he authored landmark opinions in every significant area of constitutional law, most notably on equal protection under the law, the separation of powers, and the First Amendment's guarantees of freedom of speech and religion."

Chairman: Senate Looking For Balance With Payday Lending Measure

Two weeks in the Senate wasn't enough time to resolve the complex issues surrounding payday lending law revisions, and interested parties will keep talking on a compromise, a key lawmaker guiding the process said Wednesday.

Sen. Scott Oelslager (R-N. Canton) made the comments following a meeting of the Senate Finance Committee, which he chairs. The panel heard some additional testimony before a surprise attempt by the ranking minority member to move it forward.

The chairman previous said he didn't intend to take any amendments or call a vote on the proposal (HB 123) this week, but Sen. Michael Skindell (D-Lakewood) made a motion to report the measure before the meeting could be adjourned.

After committee members were called back from other meetings, majority Republicans voted on party lines to table Sen. Skindell's motion.

Sen. Oelslager said he and many members of the committee are still unsure what direction they would like to see the bill go, whether that entails the way it's written, or with some or all of the recommendations made by Sen. Matt Huffman (R-Lima). (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 26, 2018)

"We also want to make sure that the interested parties have a chance to keep talking," he said after the meeting. "It's a very complicated issue. We want to make sure there's a balance between the person offering the loan and the person taking out the loan."

Sen. Skindell's move came after Nick Bourke, director of consumer finance for the Pew Charitable Trusts, asked senators to advance the proposal as written.

"I urge this committee to take a vote," he said. "Vote on HB123 as passed by the House. Or make a few sensible amendments to HB123 as we've discussed and vote on that. Even if it fails, we will know where this process stands."

Mr. Bourke, who has testified several times on the measure, told the committee they have three options in front of them: an overhaul of regulations such as HB123, the complete elimination of high-interest lending, and the status quo.

The proposals from Sen. Huffman, he said, would preserve the status quo.

"It is not reform because it does not solve the problems for consumers and it would cost the small number of payday lenders who enjoy the status quo today virtually nothing," he said.

Sen. Oelslager asked if the proposal is worse than the current law for lenders, and Mr. Bourke said it would have no change.

Mr. Bourke also said lawmakers could propose to ban high-interest loans entirely.

Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.) said the 2008 regulation constituted an attempt to ban high-interest loans.

"Ten years ago, when the legislature and then the voters of Ohio dealt with the legislation, that was a ban bill in the state of Ohio," he said. "Is the House-passed version of HB123 a ban bill?"

Mr. Bourke said it's a reform effort and would still allow companies to operate.

"I've spoken with companies that used to operate in Ohio before 2008 that left Ohio because they did not want to operate in a loophole," he said.

The panel also heard from Ashish Gandhi, owner of Cash Plus Silverton, who praised Sen. Huffman's plan.

"I believe that Senator Huffman's plan was very well thought out and mathematically intelligent," he wrote. "He was magically able to give all sides what they were asking for. His plan lowers the APR that critics insisted on. His plan lowers the daily cost of a loan to less than a cheap cup of coffee at a gas station. His plan allows for a plethora of options for both consumers and businesses."

The original version of the legislation is "extreme, poorly written and not workable," he said.

Sen. Huffman's plan is not exactly what the industry would have wanted, but would allow businesses to stay in place, he said.

Prosecutors Praise Beefed Up Parole Monitoring Bill

A bill to revise parole monitoring procedures has the potential to save lives, members of a Senate panel were told Wednesday.

The legislation (SB 202) is named after Reagan Tokes, who was murdered by Brian Golsby shortly after his release from prison.

Lou Tobin, executive director of the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association, said the legislation "will fill the gaps in the way the state manages offenders who are released from prison."

Among the bill's provisions, it would create reentry programs to ensure that those released from prison are not homeless and require restrictions to be placed on those who are on post-release control and fitted with GPS monitoring devices.

It would also require the state to create a database of GPS data that would be available to law enforcement officials when investigating crimes. Another portion of the legislation would focus on ensuring parole officer caseloads are not too large.

"Brian Golsby was released into homelessness and with a GPS monitor that did not establish zones within which he was allowed to move," Mr. Tobin told members of the Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee. "It was subsequently discovered he committed at least six violent robberies, prior to his encounter with Reagan, all while being 'monitored.' The state must do more to address the circumstances that led to this."

William Parker of the American Court & Drug Testing Services said GPS monitors are essentially useless without guidelines and restrictions.

"GPS technology can do much, much more than simply provide the current location of someone wearing the ankle bracelet. Using easily programmable curfews, inclusion and exclusion zones and daily schedules, the technology can alert us immediately if the defendant is not where they are supposed to be when they are supposed to be there," he said.

"The technology can alert us immediately if the defendant moves into a neighborhood where his or her presence represents a threat to a person or community. It can notify us immediately if the defendant removes the bracelet or fails to charge the bracelet. But, the effective use of this technology requires more than satellites, cellular signals and computer applications."

Phyllis Carlson-Riehm of the ACTION OHIO Coalition For Battered Women also provided written testimony in support of the measure.

"We all know that Ohio's prisons are full to overflowing and the costs are enormous," she wrote. "We all know that prison reforms are long overdue to reduce the number of non-violent inmates and move them into meaningful community corrections programs and rehabilitated lives."

"But at the same time we must not fail to strengthen Ohio laws to hold violent repeat felons responsible for the multiple crimes that they commit and stop the needless human tragedies that are happening to many Ohio families."

Companion legislation (HB 365) - that also deals with indeterminate sentencing - cleared the House earlier this month. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 20, 2018)

Senate Releases Session Calendar

The Senate could hold full sessions as many as 14 days during the second half of the year, according to a schedule released by Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) on Wednesday.

The calendar sets if-needed sessions for July 10 and August 22. Three potential session dates are set for September.

Nine possible dates are scheduled for November and December, which would represent the chamber's post-election session.

The House has yet to release its schedule for July through December.

All session dates are available in Gongwer's full legislative schedule, where the meetings can be synced with Outlook calendars.

Governor's Appointments

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Council: Kimberly S. Monachino of Twinsburg for a term beginning June 27, 2018, and ending June 1, 2019 and Margie Hegg of Upper Arlington for a term beginning June 27, 2018, and ending June 1, 2020.

Supplemental Agency Calendar

Thursday, June 28

Business Gateway Steering Committee, 30 East Broad Street, Room 2925, Columbus, 1 p.m.

Supplemental Event Planner

Friday, August 3

Sen. Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland) fundraiser, FOP Hall, 2249 Payne Ave., Cleveland, 5 p.m., (\$200 (table); \$20 (friend) to Friends of Sandra Williams)

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House Activity for Wednesday, June 27, 2018

PASSED

SB 66 ■

CRIMINAL LAWS (Eklund, J., Tavares, C.) To modify criminal sentencing and corrections law by including the promotion of effective rehabilitation as a purpose of felony sentencing, removing the one-year minimum for presumptive fourth or fifth degree felony community control sanctions, modifying sanctions for a violation of a community control condition, modifying the manner of calculating confinement credits, modifying eligibility criteria and procedures for granting pre-trial diversion and intervention in lieu of conviction, making offenders convicted of certain multiple fourth or fifth degree felonies eligible for conviction record sealing, revising procedures for the Adult Parole Authority to grant a final release or terminate post-release control, and modifying the criteria for considering a prison term sanction for a post-release control violation; to extend the State Highway Patrol's authority to enforce criminal laws to also apply to the Northeast Ohio Correctional Center; to modify the penalty for an employer's failure to remit state income taxes withheld from an employee; and to authorize the conveyance of state-owned real estate.

84-2 (Edwards, Schaffer) (Amended)

Gongwer Coverage

SB 81 ■

FIREARMS (Terhar, L.) To waive the concealed carry license fee for active members of the armed forces and retired and honorably discharged veterans, to accept military experience with firearms as proof of competency with firearms regardless of when the applicant for a license acquired the experience, to permit a licensee to renew a concealed handgun license at any time before the expiration of the license, and to require the Attorney General to monitor the number of license fees waived and cap the total amount allowed to be waived at \$1.5 million.

76-6

Gongwer Coverage

SB 127 ■

WASTE COLLECTION VEHICLES (LaRose, F.) To require motor vehicle operators to take certain actions upon approaching a stationary waste collection vehicle collecting refuse on a roadside.

84-0

Gongwer Coverage

SB 216 ■ **SCHOOL REGULATIONS (Huffman, M.)** To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs, to add the territory of Summit County to the Stark State College District, and to prescribe procedures for appointing the board of trustees of the combined technical college district.

60-32 (Amended)

Gongwer Coverage

SB 220 ■ **CYBERSECURITY (Hackett, B., Bacon, K.)** To provide a legal safe harbor to covered entities that implement a specified cybersecurity program, to allow transactions recorded by blockchain technology under the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, and to alter the definition of "key employee" under the Casino Gaming Law.

62-21 (Earlier REPORTED-AMENDED)

Gongwer Coverage

SB 221 ■ **AGENCY RULEMAKING (Uecker, J.)** To reform agency rule-making and legislative review thereof.

73-19 (Earlier REPORTED-AMENDED)

Gongwer Coverage

SB 239 ■ **REGIONAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS (Dolan, M.)** To modify the law concerning regional councils of governments to clarify that a municipal corporation eligible to designate a tourism development district may designate more than one district, to specify that the American Law Institute's approved "Restatement of the Law, Liability Insurance" does not constitute the public policy of Ohio, to designate a portion of U.S. Route 33 in Meigs County as the "Steve Story Memorial Highway," to designate a portion of Interstate Route 270 in Franklin County as the "Officers Anthony Morelli and Eric Joering Memorial Highway," and to designate the portion of U.S. Route 24 in Henry County as the "Henry County Veterans Highway."

88-0

Gongwer Coverage

SB 299 ■ **WATER IMPROVEMENTS (Gardner, R., O'Brien, S.)** To credit additional amounts of the Local Government Fund to fund public safety services in areas that experienced a 30% or more decrease in the taxable value of certain power plants between 2016 and 2017, to phase out the payments

over ten years, to increase the appropriation to the Local Government Fund; to support broadband development; to establish the OhioCorps Pilot Project; and to make appropriations, including appropriations for the protection and preservation of Lake Erie and the National Guard Scholarship Program.

88-0 (Amended)

Gongwer Coverage

HB 7

MEDICAL PROVIDER IMMUNITY (Cupp, R.) To grant qualified civil immunity to certain medical providers and emergency medical technicians who provide emergency medical services as a result of a disaster and through its duration; to provide that certain communications made regarding an unanticipated outcome of medical care, the development or implementation of standards under federal laws, and an insurer's reimbursement policies on health care are inadmissible as evidence in a medical claim; to specify the manner of sending a notice of intent to file a medical claim and provide a procedure for the discovery of other potential claims within a specified period after the filing of a medical claim; to provide civil immunity to certain medical providers regarding the discharge of a patient with a mental condition that threatens the safety of the patient or others; to permit access to peer review committee documents during authorized inspections by the Director of Health while preserving their confidentiality; and to clarify the definition of "medical claim."

71-16

Gongwer Coverage

HB 36

MARRIAGE CEREMONIES (Vitale, N.) To provide that an ordained or licensed minister or religious society is not required to solemnize a marriage and a religious society is not required to allow any building or property of the religious society to be used to host a marriage ceremony if the marriage does not conform to the ordained or licensed minister's or religious society's sincerely held religious beliefs, to provide that an ordained or licensed minister or religious society is not subject to civil or criminal liability for such a denial, and to provide that the state and political subdivisions may not penalize or withhold benefits to an ordained or licensed minister or religious society for such a denial.

59-29 (Amended)

Gongwer Coverage

HB 92

PUBLIC INDECENCY (Schaffer, T.) To require an offender who knowingly commits the offense of public indecency under certain circumstances involving exposure of private parts likely to be viewed by minors and for the

purpose of sexual arousal or gratification to register as a Tier I sex offender/child-victim offender if the judge orders registration.

80-0

Gongwer Coverage

HB 126 ■ **KINSHIP CAREGIVERS** (Boyd, J., Rezabek, J.) To require a region-based kinship care navigator program, and to make an appropriation.

82-0

Gongwer Coverage

HB 156 ■ **VISION CARE INSURANCE** (Schuring, K.) Regarding limitations imposed by health insurers on vision care services.

75-2 (Hambley & Romanchuk)

Gongwer Coverage

HB 211 ■ **HOME INSPECTORS** (Hughes, J.) To require the licensure of home inspectors, to create the Ohio Home Inspector Board to regulate the licensure and performance of home inspectors, and to require realtors who recommend home inspectors to provide a list of home inspectors

74-6

Gongwer Coverage

HB 240 ■ **MONTH DESIGNATION** (Barnes, J.) To enact the "Respect Your Date Act" to designate the month of April as "Respect Your Date Month" and to require each state institution of higher education to adopt a policy regarding dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and rape on campus and to declare an emergency.

Bill: 77-0; Emergency: 75-6

Gongwer Coverage

HB 349 ■ **POLICE ANIMALS** (LaTourette, S.) To increase the penalty for assaulting a police dog or horse and to include search and rescue dogs and horses in the prohibition against assaulting or harassing a police animal.

69-11

Gongwer Coverage

HB 355 ■ **SEXTING** (Hill, B., Rezabek, J.) To generally prohibit sexting by a person under 19 years of age.

85-0

Gongwer Coverage

HB 386 ■ **CREDIT FREEZES** (Henne, M., Kelly, B.) To modify the fees that a credit reporting agency can charge in relation to a credit report freeze.

82-2

Gongwer Coverage

HB 425 ■ **BODY CAMERAS** (Antani, N., Craig, H.) To provide that specified portions of peace officers' body-worn camera recordings and the infrastructure record of a public school are not public records for purposes of the Public Records Law.

88-0

Gongwer Coverage

HB 428 ■ **STUDENT EXPRESSION** (Ginter, T., LaTourette, S.) Regarding student religious expression and to entitle the act the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2018."

62-20

Gongwer Coverage

HB 469 ■ **TAX CREDIT** (Schuring, K., Patton, T.) To authorize a nonrefundable insurance company tax credit for contributions of capital to transformational mixed use development projects.

78-0

Gongwer Coverage

HB 479 ■ **DRUG PRICE INFORMATION** (Lipps, S., West, T.) Regarding pharmacy benefit managers, pharmacists, and the disclosure to patients of drug price information.

75-0

Gongwer Coverage

HB 480 ■ **MULTI-PARCEL AUCTIONS** (Hill, B.) To establish requirements governing multi-parcel auctions.

72-0

Gongwer Coverage

HB 497 ■ **PRIVATE IMAGES** (Rogers, J., Manning, N.) To prohibit the nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images, to require that certain property involved in the offense be criminally forfeited, and to create certain legal rights and protections of a victim of the offense.
81-0
Gongwer Coverage

HB 500 ■ **TOWNSHIP LAWS** (Carfagna, R.) To make various changes to township law.
81-0
Gongwer Coverage

HB 502 ■ **YOUTH SUICIDE** (Anielski, M.) With regard to educator inservice training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in public schools.
82-0
Gongwer Coverage

HB 511 ■ **MARRIAGE AGE** (Lanese, L., Rogers, J.) To make changes to the laws governing the ages at which persons may marry.
78-0
Gongwer Coverage

HB 540 ■ **TEACHER EVALUATIONS** (Gavarone, T., Manning, N.) With regard to teacher evaluations.
84-0
Gongwer Coverage

HB 543 ■ **COUNTY PROSECUTORS** (Perales, R., Hambley, S.) To allow a county prosecuting attorney to enter into a contract with a regional airport authority, port authority, or regional planning commission to be its legal adviser.
79-0
Gongwer Coverage

HB 572 ■ **RETIREMENT CREDIT** (Scherer, G., Howse, S.) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities.

80-0

Gongwer Coverage

HB 595 ■

PROBATE LAW (Cupp, R., Rezabek, J.) Relative to procedures for a testator to file a declaratory judgment action to declare the validity of a will prior to death and the settlor of a trust to file such an action to declare its validity, exceptions to antilapse provisions in class gifts in wills and trusts, incorporation of a written trust into a will, trusts for a minor, arbitration of trust disputes, the creation of county and multicounty guardianship services boards, the coroner's disposition of person dying of suspicious or unusual death, an application for the release of medical records and medical billing records, and adding involuntary manslaughter not resulting from a felony vehicular homicide offense to the list of offenses excluding an individual from inheriting from a decedent.

78-0

Gongwer Coverage

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 18 ■

SPECIAL ELECTIONS (Pelanda, D., Retherford, W.) to eliminate the requirement of holding a special election to fill a vacancy in a party nomination for the office of representative to Congress under certain circumstances; to authorize local elected officers that have levied a hotel lodging excise tax, or a designee of such officers, to simultaneously hold the position of officer or member of the board of trustees of a convention and visitors' bureau without constituting incompatible offices; and to require that, upon request, county auditors, municipal fiscal officers, and their employees must share lodging tax return information with the directors of convention and visitors' bureaus operating in their counties.

67-22

Gongwer Coverage

HB 87 ■

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (Roegner, K.) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of the enrollment records of a community school, to clarify the time period within which a school district emergency levy or substitute levy may be renewed or replaced, to clarify the responsibilities of a school district treasurer regarding the signing or executing of certain documents, to require the State Board of Education to adopt standards for learning management software for internet- and computer-based community schools, regarding qualification for state payments by internet- or computer-based community schools, regarding joint

health and medical insurance programs by political subdivisions and county boards of developmental disabilities, regarding submission of five-year financial forecasts by public schools, and regarding the moratorium on certain provisions affecting community schools and school districts whose enrollments were affected due to enrolling students of a suspended e-school.

70-22

Gongwer Coverage

HB 263 ■

OUTDOOR DINING AREAS (Lanese, L.) To generally allow an owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog to take the dog in an outdoor dining area of a retail food establishment or food service operation.

79-10

Gongwer Coverage

HB 312 ■

POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SPENDING (Schuring, K., Greenspan, D.) To regulate the use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions, to modify the duties and powers of the Auditor of State, to specify that electronic submission of a public record request entitles the requestor to damages if the public office fails to comply with the Public Records Act, to make changes to the law governing financial planning and supervision commissions, and to authorize a property tax abatement for certain property subject to a submerged land lease and held by a municipal corporation.

91-0

Gongwer Coverage

HB 318 ■

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (Patterson, J., LaTourette, S.) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers, to require the Facilities Construction Commission to study and report on school building security upgrades and to make an appropriation.

69-20

Gongwer Coverage

HB 336 ■

LICENSE FEES (Barnes, J., Greenspan, D.) To prohibit the imposition of driver's license and temporary instruction permit reinstatement fees in specified circumstances and to name this act the Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Initiative.

84-6

Gongwer Coverage

HB 347 ■ **ROAD NAMING** (Kelly, B., Dever, J.) To designate multiple memorial highways.
91-0
Gongwer Coverage

CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

SB 1 ■ **DRUG OFFENSES** (LaRose, F.) To increase penalties for drug trafficking violations, drug possession violations, and aggravated funding of drug trafficking when the drug involved in the offense is a fentanyl-related compound, except for drug possession violations when the fentanyl-related compound is combined with marihuana or a Schedule III, IV, or V controlled substance and the offender did not know of the fentanyl content; to revise the manner of determining sentence for certain violations of the offense of permitting drug abuse; and to add lisdexamfetamine to the list of schedule II controlled substances.
59-10
Gongwer Coverage

HOUSE SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS

Community & Family Advancement Committee: Remove Rep. Brinkman, appoint Rep. Greenspan

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Agriculture & Rural Development

HB 560 ■ **PET FOOD** (Lanese, L.) To prohibit pet food from containing remains from an animal that was euthanized by the use of any drug injected intravenously or through another nonvascular route or remains from any dog or cat.
(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Rep. Laura Lanese (R-Grove City) said her measure "will provide pet owners some assurance that their pet food does not contain the remains of other cats and dogs and that it does not contain pentobarbital, the drug used to euthanize cats and dogs."

The sponsor referred to news stories in recent years about tainted pet food and noted the FDA had recalled products after pentobarbital, which is used by veterinarians to euthanize cats, dogs and horses, was found in the samples from an Ohio-based pet food company. Rep. Lanese said current state law doesn't sufficiently cover the products that rendering plants sell to pet food manufacturers. "Under current Ohio law, a commercial feed is adulterated if it bears or contains any poisonous or deleterious substance that may render it injurious to animal or human health, except that when the substance is not an added

substance. Since the drug is not added during processing, the feed may not be considered an added substance and therefore permissible," she said.

"Most pet owners do not want to feed their family dog or cat the remains of other dogs and cats. Even if a consumer actively tries to make an informed decision by reading the label, terms like animal meal and meat meal make it hard to decipher what exactly is in our pet's food," the sponsor said. "Guardrails to ensure that our pets are not eating other pets and ingesting euthanasia drugs is one small token we can offer consumers, especially since pet food companies are denying they are part of the pet food they sell."

Responding to a question from **Rep. Michael Sheehy** (D-Oregon), the sponsor said there are federal regulations regarding pet food content but the lack of any legal actions underscore the need for Ohio to take action and tighten its oversight.

Several members had questions about testing for the drug, and Rep. Lanese told **Rep. Darrell Kick** (R-Loudonville) that imposing such costs on rendering plants would likely lead to extensive pushback.

She told Rep. John Patterson (D-Jefferson) she was unsure how many rendering plants existed in the state. "There's very little oversight of this industry," she said, adding the bill would only apply to Ohio plants.

Rep. Keith Faber (R-Celina) said he applauded the concept of the bill but questioned whether the oversight should be left to the free market, such as pet food makers putting testing labels on their products.

HB 631 **AMUSEMENT RIDES** (**Hughes, J., Patterson, J.**) To revise the laws governing amusement ride operation and safety, to designate this act as "Tyler's Law," and to declare an emergency. (**CONTINUED (See separate story)**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Insurance

HB 621 **DEATH BENEFITS** (**Hughes, J.**) To revise the payments that surviving family members receive from the Ohio Public Safety Officers Death Benefit Fund and to permit surviving spouses and children to participate in the health, dental, and vision benefits offered to state employees as if the survivors were employees of this state. (**CONTINUED (No testimony)**; 3rd Hearing-Opponent)

Chair **Rep. Tom Brinkman** (R-Cincinnati) said the committee received a **fiscal note** detailing the bill's estimated costs. He said an amendment is being drafted in regard to a similar bill pending in the Senate.

SB 227 **HEALTH PLAN CLAIMS** (**Huffman, M.**) To require health plan issuers to release certain claim information to group plan policyholders. (**CONTINUED**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sen. Matt Huffman (R-Lima) said the bill would give employers more information about claims made under their health insurance coverage while protecting information that details which individuals and dependents are receiving care.

That information will give small employers more data they can use to shop for coverage from insurers, he said. Without that information, small businesses are often left to renew coverage and accept rate increases proposed by insurers.

Claims information that would be shared with employers wouldn't include any personal information, and he said the release of that redacted data isn't prohibited by federal law. The result would spur more competition in the insurance market, potentially leading to lower prices, he said.

Rep. Wes Retherford (R-Hamilton) asked if there would be any cases where the release of information could be denied.

Mr. Huffman said the bill directs the release of non-identifiable claims information about all people covered under a company's policy.

Rep. George Lang (R-West Chester) said his initial reaction to the proposal is that if an employer is paying an insurance bill, it should have access to claims information.

Responding to **Rep. Michael Henne** (R-Clayton), Sen. Huffman said the bill is targeted to employers with between 50 and 100 employees, and indicated that leaders of smaller companies might already be aware of health conditions that their employees have.

Rep. Glenn Holmes (R-McDonald) questioned whether the sponsor would be willing to consider redacting pharmaceutical information, indicating that having knowledge of drug use could create ethical issues for those who make decisions about employee coverage.

Government Accountability & Oversight

SB 220 **CYBERSECURITY** (**Hackett, B., Bacon, K.**) To provide a legal safe harbor to covered entities that implement a specified cybersecurity program. (**REPORTED-AMENDED (No testimony)**; 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

An amendment offered by **Rep. Kathleen Clyde** (D-Kent) to replace the phrase "reasonable compliance" with "actual compliance" was tabled in an 8-2 vote, with **Rep. Bernadine Kent** (D-Columbus) joining all the Republicans present in the vote, as she would do throughout the committee meeting after recently being exiled from the House Democratic Caucus. In explaining her motion to table, **Rep. Dorothy Pelanda** (D-Marysville) said actual compliance could be a difficult bar for small businesses to clear.

"Reasonable compliance was arrived at after several interested party meetings and discussions with those people," she said.

Another failed amendment proposed by Rep. Clyde would have allowed a person whose private information is compromised to request the attorney general's office bring legal action. If it does not, the person would be able to bring legal action on behalf of the state and split the recovery.

An amendment offered by **Rep. Bill Seitz** (R-Cincinnati) that would allow owners of casinos with less than a 5% stake to avoid licensing requirements was added to the bill. He said the current law that requires licensing for anyone owning as little as 1% is unworkable for a publicly traded company.

Rep. Clyde questioned how the amendment does not run afoul of the single-subject rule.

Rep. Seitz responded the subject matter of the bill is commerce.

"I can't see anybody filing a lawsuit over this because it is simply common sense," he said.

An amendment offered by chairman Rep. Lou Blessing (R-Cincinnati) pertaining to blockchain technology e-signatures was also attached to the measure.

SB 221 **AGENCY RULEMAKING** (Uecker, J.) To reform agency rule-making and legislative review thereof. (**REPORTED-AMENDED (No testimony)**; 4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

A clarifying amendment offered by Rep. Blessing to make the language in the measure more consistent with the rest of the section was accepted without objection.

Two Democratic amendments - both offered by Rep. Brigid Kelly (D-Cincinnati) - were tabled.

The first would have removed language allowing a business to challenge an agency rule based on adverse impact. Rep. Kelly called the language "overly broad."

"I think the main thrust is really to just avoid harming business," Rep. Blessing said.

The other would have removed language allowing a business to contest a rule outside of the regular review period.

SB 263 **NOTARY PUBLIC** (Huffman, M., Wilson, S.) To enact the Notary Public Modernization Act. (**CONTINUED (No testimony)**; 3rd Hearing-All testimony)

Subscribers Note: For full testimony see the committee's website under June 26.

Health

HB 167 **OPIOID MEDICATIONS** (Edwards, J.) Regarding addiction treatment and opioid prescribing by physicians and dentists. (**REPORTED**; 3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

The measure was reported unanimously.

Rep. Emilia Sykes (D-Akron) said a constituent with chronic pain raised concerns about the limitations in the initial draft of the proposal and said it could hinder patients' ability to get treatment.

Sponsor Rep. Jay Edwards (R-Nelsonville) said those provisions have been removed from the bill, which now focuses on ensuring patients have access to medication-assisted treatment if a prescriber is unavailable. "I got a lot of the same calls," he said.

HB 326 **PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY** (Seitz, B., Gavarone, T.) To authorize certain psychologists to prescribe psychotropic and other drugs for the treatment of drug addiction and mental illness. (**CONTINUED (No testimony)**; 6th Hearing-Possible substitute & amendments)

HB 546 **TELEMEDICINE** (Patton, T.) To prohibit health benefit plans from treating telemedicine services differently from in-person health care services solely because they are provided as telemedicine services. (**CONTINUED**; 4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

Jimelle Rumberg, executive director of the Ohio Foot and Ankle Medical Association, said the measure would enhance physicians' efforts to provide quality, cost-effective care by allowing the care delivery system to evolve through telemedicine.

"As employers and insurers continue to drive consumers to high-deductible insurance plans that require more patient out-of-pocket requirements, telemedicine and its ability to provide quality care for lower prices could help consumers better manage their out-of-pocket requirements that are mandated by these high-deductible plans," she said.

She disputed claims that the legislation would mandate the use of telemedicine by insurers or health plans, saying it only creates a "payment parity" between in-person and telemedicine services.

"HB546 simply says that payment discrimination to a provider cannot take place solely based on the fact that the service is provided via telemedicine," she wrote. "Insurers and health plans still would have utilization management tools they may use to regulate telemedicine services and HB546 does not infringe on those capabilities."

Miranda Motter, president and CEO of the Ohio Association of Health Plans, said in written testimony that the proposal constitutes a statutory mandate for coverage of telehealth, which could stifle innovation and limit the technology's ability to be a tool to drive down costs.

"Telehealth should not be used to increase health care costs for consumers, employers and the state as the payer for Medicaid and the State Employees Health Plan," she wrote. "As a result, Ohio's health care consumers should not have to pay for 'bricks and mortar' infrastructure, facility fees and other types of fees hospitals and doctors charge for in-person services."

HB 559 **CHILD IMMUNIZATIONS (Gonzales, A., Landis, A.)** To make changes to the law governing immunization of children enrolled in school, preschool programs, and day-care programs. **(CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE; 4th Hearing-Possible substitute & amendments)**

The panel accepted a substitute version that removes the requirement that the Department of Health publish immunization rates by school building and makes other changes, said **Rep. Theresa Gavarone** (R-Bowling Green). **(Comp Doc)**

The school building change stemmed from concerns that it could lead to shaming and might allow specific students to be identified, she said.

The new version retains provisions about school-level reporting to ODH and clarifies that information from private and parochial schools is not to be posted on the department's website, she said.

Rep. Gavarone said the new version expands the eligible documents to include a copy of the child's immunization record and allows the provider to submit a form for parents seeking a non-medical exemption. It also delays implementation until the 2021 school year.

The committee received written testimony from Donna Kazee, president of Ohio Advocates for Medical Freedom, who urged committee members to pay more attention to concerns from opponents.

Ms. Kazee raised concerns about the tracking of vaccination and exemption status and the public posting of data, and about the insertion of a third party into the exemption process against the parent's choosing.

"These and other parents should not be forced to receive education and information when they are declining for religious/conscience reasons, which have nothing to do with medical information," she said.

She also suggested more details of the required form be standardized, raising concerns that it could include statements such as that they are placing their child and others in danger by not vaccinating.

"We encourage and are happy to assist with further discussion about both standardized form contents and responsibility and determination of standardized risk and benefit information," she said.

HB 677 **MENTAL HEALTH (Barnes, J.)** To require the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to operate a demonstration program under which a mental health trauma center is established as part of a county hospital located in Cuyahoga County. (**CONTINUED**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)

Sponsor Rep. John Barnes (D-Cleveland) said it would require a mental health trauma center to be established through a demonstration program at a county hospital in Cuyahoga County. "In the state of Ohio, we have a crisis of mental health issues, and largely our government has been reactive to the problem," he said.

The proposal is intended to get out in front of the issue by improving access to mental health services, particularly short-term services, he said.

The sponsor said he hoped to work out the details of the proposal over the summer.

HB 72 **STEP THERAPY (Johnson, T., Antonio, N.)** To adopt requirements related to step therapy protocols implemented by health plan issuers and the Department of Medicaid. (**CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE**; 6th Hearing-Possible substitute)

The committee accepted a substitute version that **Rep. Terry Johnson** (R-McDermott) said made a variety of changes. (**Fiscal Note**)

The new version replaces the terms "based on medical necessity" and "medically appropriate" with "consistent with medical and scientific evidence," he said. It also reduces the exemptions to four and modifies them. It now exempts a patient when the medication is contra-indicated or will likely cause an adverse reaction or physical or mental harm, as opposed to previously just if it is contra-indicated, he said.

The substitute version also makes changes to the appeals process, he said.

Civil Justice

HB 147 **HUMANE SOCIETIES (Hambley, S.)** To make changes to humane society law and to make humane society agents subject to bribery law. (**REPORTED**; 4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

Corey Roscoe, Ohio state director for the Humane Society, submitted interested party testimony in which she said concerns remain that the regulations proposed "can create overdue burdens and unintentionally make it harder for humane societies to perform their volunteer law enforcement duties."

"One prominent concern of the bill is to require non-prosecution requirements entered in by humane society-appointed prosecutors be approved by a judge but not required for all prosecutors and cases prosecuted under 959," Ms. Roscoe wrote. "The law should be

consistent for all prosecutors if the goal of judicial review is to serve as a check and balance."

HB 615 **DEBT COLLECTIONS (West, T.)** To require creditors, prior to collecting the debt of a decedent outside of probate, to explicitly inform the person from whom payment is sought that the person is under no obligation to pay the debt. **(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)**

Due to the lateness of the committee's start, in terms of HB615, HB672 and HB694, Chair **Rep. Jim Butler** (R-Oakwood) said the panel would accept written sponsor testimony to constitute each bill's first hearing. Sponsors may appear before the panel at a later date to answer questions, he said.

In written testimony, **Rep. Thomas West** (D-Canton) urged support for his measure that aims to ensure those who have lost loved ones don't mistakenly believe they are obligated to pay the deceased's debts.

"House Bill 615 will require all creditors that have claims against an estate to inform the person from whom payment is sought, that they as an individual are under no obligation to pay the debt," the sponsor wrote. "The bill also states that failure to inform the individual is considered an unconscionable act and renders the creditor subject to legal action by the Attorney General or by the individual that was left uninformed."

HB 672 **PUBLIC RECORDS (Barnes, J.)** To create a procedure by which a person may obtain a court order to correct an error, omission, or legal defect in a public record, and to name the act the "Final Order Correction Act." **(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)**

Rep. John Barnes (D-Cleveland) said in his written presentation the proposal would enable a person to file a petition in the court of common pleas to request a correction or invalidation if an error, omission or legal defect is found in a public record.

The error must personally affect the complainant, who must then file with the county where the office responsible for the record is located or where the record is kept. The office must then respond and state the basis for belief the record is accurate.

The court would then determine whether a correction or invalidation is required based on a preponderance of the evidence. "The (bill) will ensure that the constitutional right of due process is achieved," Rep. Barnes wrote.

HB 694 **CONTRACT LIMITATIONS (Lang, G.)** To shorten the period of limitations for actions upon a contract. **(CONTINUED; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)**

Rep. George Lang (R-West Chester Twp.) said in written testimony his proposal is "short but significant" in that it reduces the statute of limitations for written and oral contracts from eight and six years respectively to three years.

"As a business owner, the more certainty I can gain, the more business risks I can take," Rep. Lang said. "If I know my liability on a contract only runs for three years, I can take on different relationships. I can be certain that my current obligation will run for a time certain. This allows me to launch capital expenditures, strategically deploy capital, and to secure appropriate risk management devices."

Ohio previously had a 15-year statute on written contracts until 2012. He pointed to similar steps taken by Kentucky and other states, saying they risk putting Ohio at a competitive disadvantage.

"A significant, tangible cost savings will result for business by removing the necessity to retain eight years of documents," Rep. Lang said. "More and more, document retention is becoming a cost driver for business. Limiting the need to only three years, will remove a key burden on businesses."

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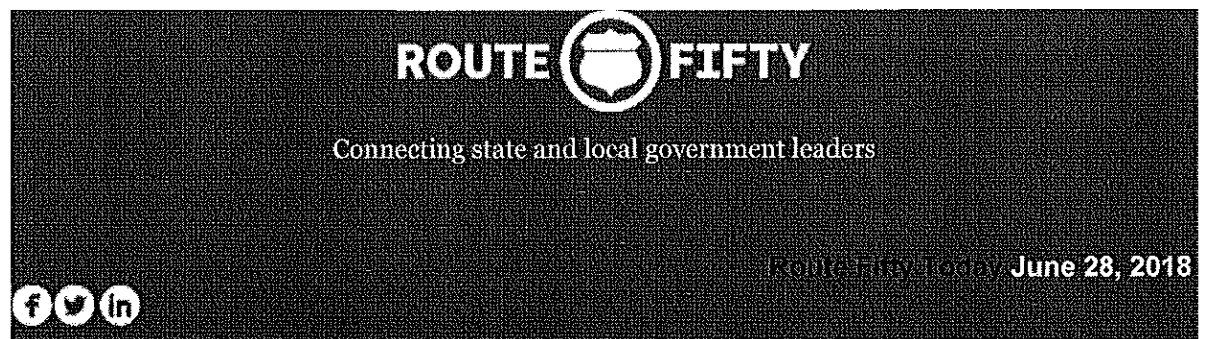
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A Maryland County Uses Interactive Maps to Design Bicycle Master Plan

WYATT CMAR | SPECIAL TO ROUTE FIFTY | COMMENTARY | Montgomery County's maps are expected to guide recommendations to improve cycling in the area. Planners evaluated 3,500 miles of roads and reached out to a diverse group of residents for input.

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This U.S. Supreme Court decision might have forced Ohio into 'right-to-work' (Cincinnati Enquirer, 6/28/2018)

Bone appetit: Dogs could soon be welcome at bar and restaurant patios (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)

Ohio lawmakers OK \$114.5 million for new voting machines (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)

Ohio legislature passes blockchain legislation (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)

Ohio Senate Democrats push for payday lending vote; Republicans scramble to shut it down (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)

Schools that took in ECOT kids win 'safe harbor' from penalties for bad grades (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)

Sherrod Brown nabs endorsement from Ohio doctors group (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 6/28/2018)

Drug middlemen charging Ohioans triple the going rate (Columbus Dispatch, 6/28/2018)

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Ohio legislature sends package of e-school bills to Kasich (Columbus Dispatch, 6/28/2018)

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Ohio payday lenders off the hook — for now at least (Columbus Dispatch, 6/28/2018)

Sexting bill looks to give teens a break for bad choice (Columbus Dispatch, 6/28/2018)

Ohio congressman: Delay replacing Justice Kennedy till after fall election (Dayton Daily News, 6/28/2018)

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Ohio lawmakers vote to end fees charged for credit freezes (Dayton Daily News, 6/28/2018)

Ohio lawmakers vote to raise marriage age after Dayton Daily News investigation (Dayton Daily News, 6/28/2018)

High court strikes down fair-share fees for public workers (Toledo Blade, 6/28/2018)

Last minute bills move in Ohio House, Senate (Toledo Blade, 6/28/2018)

State lawmakers approve Lake Erie funding bill (Toledo Blade, 6/28/2018)

Toledo abortion clinic argues state fines unwarranted (Toledo Blade, 6/28/2018)

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OHIO LAWMAKERS LOOK TO PROVIDE ONLINE ACADEMY 'SAFE HARBOR'

Ohio's Republican-led Legislature is preparing to temporarily relax academic performance standards on a virtual school that took in thousands of students from a now-shuttered competitor.

FIRM HIRED TO INVESTIGATE LAWMAKER ALSO DONATED TO HIM

A law firm that cleared one of Ohio's most powerful state lawmakers of a sexual harassment allegation in April contributed to the politician's campaign while the probe was going on, state campaign finance filings show.

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DRUG MIDDLEMEN CHARGING OHIOANS TRIPLE THE GOING RATE — OR MORE

Pharmacy middlemen are charging Ohio taxpayers three to six times as much to process prescription drugs for the poor and disabled as the industry standard.

OHIO LEGISLATURE SENDS PACKAGE OF E-SCHOOL BILLS TO KASICH

With ECOT closed and other Ohio e-schools still struggling to verify the enrollment numbers used to pay them, state legislators sent a package of proposals to Gov. John Kasich aimed at clarifying the basis for paying the schools.

PASTOR PROTECTION ACT PASSES OVER DISCRIMINATION CONCERNS

A Pastor Protection Act that supporters say upholds religious freedom but critics call unnecessary and discriminatory against gay couples was approved by the Ohio House on Wednesday.

LAW FIRM THAT CLEARED LEGISLATOR ALSO GAVE HIM CASH

The Ohio House of Representatives regularly has turned to the law firm of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister when in need of an outside investigator.

SEXTING BILL LOOKS TO GIVE TEENS A BREAK FOR BAD CHOICE

Not wanting to hammer all teens with harsh penalties when they are caught sending nude photographs, the Ohio House voted unanimously on Wednesday to support a lesser penalty for young first-time offenders.

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OHIO HOUSE VOTES TO REQUIRE DRIVERS TO MOVE OVER FOR TRASH TRUCKS

A measure to require drivers to "move over" when passing trash trucks with flashing lights was approved by the Ohio House on Wednesday on a 84-0 vote.

OHIO LAWMAKERS VOTE TO RAISE MARRIAGE AGE AFTER DAYTON DAILY NEWS INVESTIGATION

Following a Dayton Daily News investigation into thousands of minors getting married in Ohio, lawmakers on Wednesday voted to raise the marriage age to 18 and allow 17-year-olds to marry under some conditions.

OHIO TEACHERS MAY FACE MORE TRAINING ON YOUTH SUICIDE RISKS

Teachers and other public school workers would be required to be trained on the signs that a youth may be at risk of suicide, under a bill that passed the Ohio House on Wednesday by a 82-0 vote.

THE PLAIN DEALER

OHIO SENATE DEMOCRATS PUSH FOR PAYDAY LENDING VOTE; REPUBLICANS SCRAMBLE TO SHUT IT DOWN

Democrats on a committee vetting a proposal to restrict payday loans tried to advance the measure to the full Senate on Wednesday, but the Republican majority successfully defeated the effort.

OHIO LAWMAKERS OK \$114.5 MILLION FOR NEW VOTING MACHINES

Help is on the way to replace Ohio's aging voting machines.

SCHOOLS THAT TOOK IN ECOT KIDS WIN 'SAFE HARBOR' FROM PENALTIES FOR BAD GRADES

ECOT students were so far behind other students that schools taking them in deserve a "safe harbor" from damage to their grades, the Ohio legislature decided Wednesday.

OHIO LEGISLATURE PASSES BLOCKCHAIN LEGISLATION

Ohio is close to becoming the latest state to offer legal support for blockchain-based business transactions, following a Wednesday vote by the state's General Assembly.

OHIO LAWMAKERS PASS WAVE OF BILLS HEADING INTO SUMMER BREAK: CAPITOL LETTER

Wrapping up: On their final session day before the Ohio General Assembly heads into summer break, both chambers passed dozens of bills during marathon sessions that lasted well into Wednesday evening.

SARAH LATOURETTE A RISING STAR IN OHIO HOUSE: BRENT LARKIN

Sarah LaTourette was afraid to tell her father.

THE ENQUIRER

GRAB A BEER WITH MAN'S BEST FRIEND: OHIO EXPECTED TO ALLOW DOGS ON PATIOS

In the middle of the dog days of summer or after a "ruff" time at work, you'll soon be able to sip a Bud – or maybe some hair of the dog – with man's best friend, thanks to a bill passed by Ohio lawmakers to allow dogs on outdoor patios.

THIS U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION MIGHT HAVE FORCED OHIO INTO 'RIGHT-TO-WORK'

Remember that bitter fight against Ohio's Senate Bill 5? A U.S. Supreme Court decision just upended part of it.

PAYDAY LENDING: NO VOTE ON CONTROVERSIAL BILL FOR NOW

Ohio lawmakers won't place any more restrictions on the payday lending industry for now – slowing down a bill that sped through one chamber following an FBI probe into its leader's travel with lobbyists.

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STATE LAWMAKERS APPROVE LAKE ERIE FUNDING BILL

As the annual peak season for toxic algal blooms on Lake Erie approaches, lawmakers on Wednesday finalized a bipartisan measure putting \$36 million more in state funds behind efforts to tackle the issue even as critics argue that just throwing more money at the problem isn't the answer.

LAST MINUTE BILLS MOVE IN OHIO HOUSE, SENATE

In their rush for the door for the summer, the Ohio House and Senate on Wednesday voted on more than 50 bills, with some headed for the governor's signature.

BILL PROTECTING E-SCHOOL HEADS TO GOVERNOR

A bill shielding what is now Ohio's largest online school and its sponsor from the negative consequences of accepting thousands of former Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow students is headed to Gov. John Kasich for his signature.

EDITORIAL: PAYDAY LENDING FIASCO

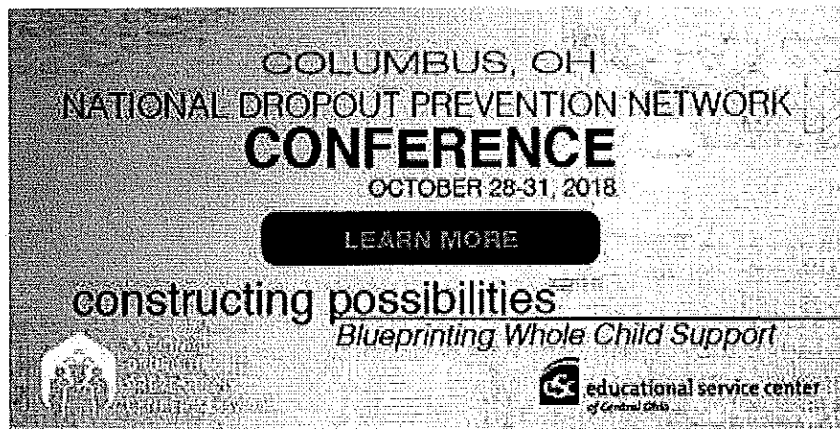
Clamping down on predatory lenders, who charge Ohioans the highest interest rates in the nation, should not require a constitutional amendment, but apparently it's going to.

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OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSES MUCH LEGISLATION –

The Ohio General Assembly had a busy week passing much legislation including several bills impacting education policy. Senate Bill 216 (SB216) includes provisions impacting the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System, licensure rules, highly qualified teacher requirements, state assessments, College Credit Plus, the “N-size” for calculation of annual measurable objectives, five-year financial forecasts and more. House Bill 87 (HB87) also included education policy-related legislation such as the distribution of community school funds as a result of a finding for recovery from the Auditor of State, school district treasurer duties and more. These bills and many others are headed to Governor Kasich’s office for review, potential line item vetoes, and signature into law. (NOTE: Ohio education- and local government-related legislation updates are included at the end of each Wrap.)

School Deregulation Bill Becomes Vehicle for Online Charter Changes – Hannah

- An education deregulation package that the Senate passed unanimously split the House Education Committee along party lines Tuesday after the addition of amendment on e-schools among other changes

Lawmakers Vote to Change Ohio’s Teacher Evaluation System, Tests – Dayton Daily News

- The Ohio House on Wednesday approved a major school deregulation bill by a 60-33 vote, changing Ohio’s Teacher Evaluation System, allowing schools to go back to paper and pencil state tests for third-graders, and giving more flexibility on teacher licensure requirements, among dozens of changes

State Will Study Effect of School Takeovers, But Not Halt Them – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- The state legislature has ordered a review of whether state “takeovers” of school districts help schools improve, with five more school districts - three in

Cuyahoga County - possibly joining Youngstown and Lorain under state control this fall

Fifteen Bills Go to Governor; Wednesday Sessions Queue Up Another 16 – Hannah

- The House and Senate Thursday delivered 15 bills to Gov. John Kasich's office for his signature

SB216 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEREGULATION ACT (Sen. Matt Huffman) To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs

STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by House, Vote 60-32; Senate concurred, Vote 28-1

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STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by Senate, Vote 30-2; House concurred, Vote 70-22

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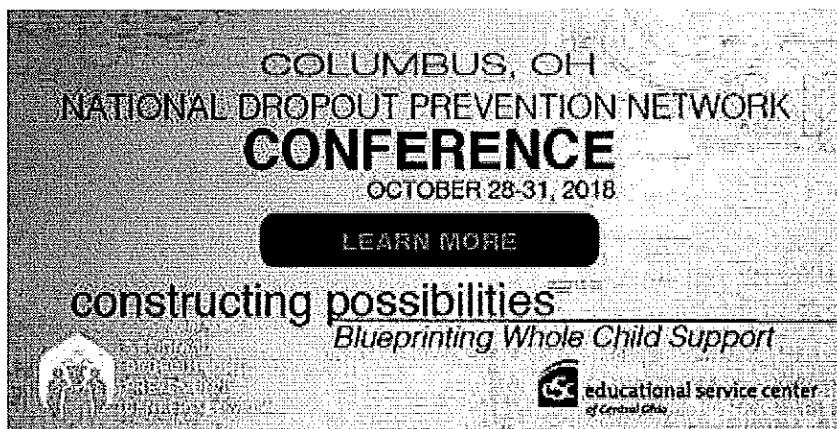
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OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSES MUCH LEGISLATION –

The Ohio General Assembly had a busy week passing much legislation including several bills impacting education policy. Senate Bill 216 (SB216) includes provisions impacting the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System, licensure rules, highly qualified teacher requirements, state assessments, College Credit Plus, the “N-size” for calculation of annual measurable objectives, five-year financial forecasts and more. House Bill 87 (HB87) also included education policy-related legislation such as the distribution of community school funds as a result of a finding for recovery from the Auditor of State, school district treasurer duties and more. These bills and many others are headed to Governor Kasich’s office for review, potential line item vetoes, and signature into law. (NOTE: Ohio education- and local government-related legislation updates are included at the end of each Wrap.)

School Deregulation Bill Becomes Vehicle for Online Charter Changes – Hannah

- An education deregulation package that the Senate passed unanimously split the House Education Committee along party lines Tuesday after the addition of amendment on e-schools among other changes

Lawmakers Vote to Change Ohio’s Teacher Evaluation System, Tests – Dayton Daily News

- The Ohio House on Wednesday approved a major school deregulation bill by a 60-33 vote, changing Ohio’s Teacher Evaluation System, allowing schools to go back to paper and pencil state tests for third-graders, and giving more flexibility on teacher licensure requirements, among dozens of changes

State Will Study Effect of School Takeovers, But Not Halt Them – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- The state legislature has ordered a review of whether state “takeovers” of school districts help schools improve, with five more school districts - three in

Cuyahoga County - possibly joining Youngstown and Lorain under state control this fall

Fifteen Bills Go to Governor; Wednesday Sessions Queue Up Another 16 – Hannah

- The House and Senate Thursday delivered 15 bills to Gov. John Kasich's office for his signature

SB216 PUBLIC SCHOOL DEREGULATION ACT (Sen. Matt Huffman) To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs

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Good Afternoon,

We're excited to announce that our development, The Residences at Career Gateway, has been selected as a finalist in the Family Category for the Affordable Housing Finance Readers' Choice Awards!

AHF picked finalists based on the impact they are having on residents, creative problem-solving, sustainable and inventive design, and innovative financing. We were selected out of over 150 entries from 16 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Career Gateway and the other developments will also be featured in the July/August issue of Affordable Housing Finance magazine.

So now that we've made the final round, we need your help! Because this is a "Readers' Choice" Award, AHF subscribers will have the opportunity to vote for the development they want to win in each category, plus an overall winner. The voting doesn't start until July, but to do it you must become a subscriber (if you're not already) by tonight, Friday June 29th.

It's very easy, and takes about a minute. Just follow this link and answer a few questions on the form.

Voting starts on July 2nd and ends on Aug 3rd. The winners will be announced in September.

We appreciate your support with this project and others.

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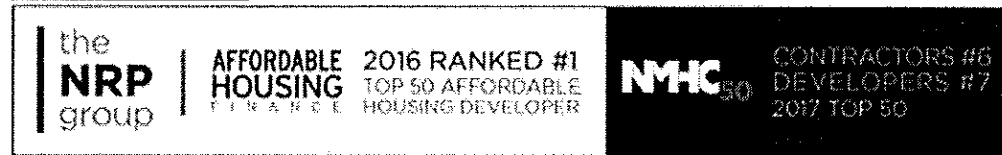
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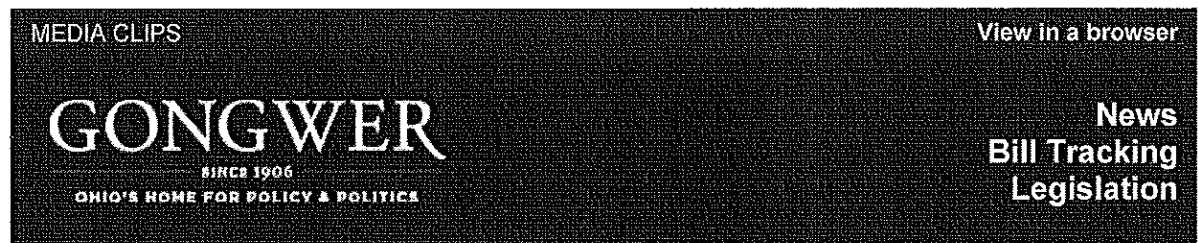
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Auditor's report shows opioids impact on Medicaid (Associated Press, 7/2/2018)

Ohio Lawmakers Approve Lake Erie Algae Prevention Bill (Associated Press, 7/2/2018)

Biden in Cincy: Trump's ideology is 'aggrandizing power' (Cincinnati Enquirer, 7/2/2018)

Complaint: Security should not stop black, female lawmaker (Cincinnati Enquirer, 7/2/2018)

Ohio's Trump country is fond of this Democrat (Cincinnati Enquirer, 7/2/2018)

First Ohio medical marijuana cultivator OK'd to grow cannabis, testing lab licenses awarded (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/2/2018)

Hey Washington, regular Ohioans agree on these federal budget fixes (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/2/2018)

Ohio's new compliant driver's licenses: What documents will you need? (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/2/2018)

Rep. Emilia Sykes files racism, sexism complaints with Ohio Civil Rights Commission over state building security allegations (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/2/2018)

Capitol Insider: Why is Ohio Medicaid defending pharmacy middlemen? (Columbus Dispatch, 7/2/2018)

Fireworks bill still up in the air as July Fourth holiday approaches (Columbus Dispatch, 7/2/2018)

Ohio teacher evaluations get an overhaul teachers like (Columbus Dispatch, 7/2/2018)

Ohio U and University of Toledo team up on health issues, including opioids (Columbus Dispatch, 7/2/2018)

Video catches Cordray dropping another Nazi reference (Columbus Dispatch, 7/2/2018)

Local child's death could spark statewide abuse registry (Dayton Daily News, 7/2/2018)

Ohio governor race: DeWine says he wants to make these changes to Ohio's early childhood programs (Dayton Daily News, 7/2/2018)

Some Ohio Democrats on ballot this year for Congress say Pelosi must go (Dayton Daily News, 7/2/2018)

2 Butler County Statehouse candidates among the state's top fundraisers since January (Journal-News, 7/2/2018)

Ohio lawmakers back bill requiring teachers to out transgender kids (Journal-News, 7/2/2018)

Lawmakers send Clean Lake 2020 Plan to Kasich (Port Clinton News Herald, 7/2/2018)

Fireworks regulations vary by state, city (Toledo Blade, 7/2/2018)

Government, military officials in favor of Trump's nuclear bailout plan (Toledo Blade, 7/2/2018)

Janus ruling unlikely to impact local unions, organizers say (Toledo Blade, 7/2/2018)

U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur to receive key to the city (Toledo Blade, 7/2/2018)

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Beacon Journal/Ohio.com editorial board: Repair online charter schools? Statehouse Republicans aren't there yet (Akron Beacon Journal, 7/2/2018)

Ohio lawmakers pass questionable legislation in 'bill-a-thon' session: Thomas Suddes (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/2/2018)

Editorial: Senate payday delay hurts consumers but helps lobbyists (Columbus Dispatch, 7/2/2018)

Sherrod Brown steps up (Toledo Blade, 7/2/2018)

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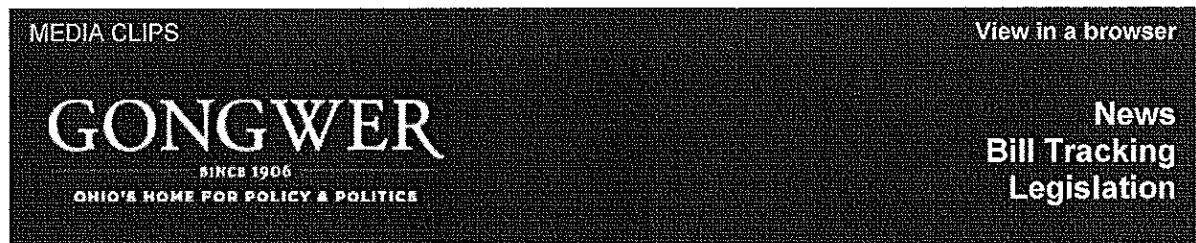
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Payday loans, guns among stalled issues at Ohio Statehouse
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Status of 2,300 former ECOT students unknown, Associated Press reports
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Why is PG Sittenfeld raising money? (Cincinnati Enquirer, 7/6/2018)

Why Ohio keeps voting on odd, complicated issues (Cincinnati Enquirer, 7/6/2018)

Ohio drug treatment and rehabilitation amendment could be on November ballot (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/6/2018)

Ohio Libertarians seek a return to the ballot this year (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/6/2018)

Right-to-work group demands Ohio stop collecting union dues from some state workers (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/6/2018)

What medical conditions can be treated with medical marijuana in Ohio?
(Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/6/2018)

Democrat Danny O'Connor launches ad linking himself to ... John Kasich? (Columbus Dispatch, 7/6/2018)

DeWine says hands tied on pursuing ECOT -- until trial-court ruling (Columbus Dispatch, 7/6/2018)

Ohio Libertarians submit petition forms to regain minor-party status (Columbus Dispatch, 7/6/2018)

Ohio native Andrew Wheeler, former coal lobbyist, is new EPA leader (Columbus Dispatch, 7/6/2018)

Trump says he doesn't believe allegations against Jim Jordan; new victim emerges (Columbus Dispatch, 7/6/2018)

Congressman Jim Jordan knew about sex abuse at OSU, former wrestlers say (Dayton Daily News, 7/6/2018)

Medical marijuana in Ohio: 8 key questions answered as the program nears (Dayton Daily News, 7/6/2018)

Ohio lawmakers respond to EPA chief resignation (Dayton Daily News, 7/6/2018)

Local dog breeders, retailers react to new anti-puppy-mill law (Toledo Blade, 7/6/2018)

Two Ballot Campaigns Spend Holiday Collecting Signatures (WOSU Public Media, 7/6/2018)

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Editorial: Statehouse security should be applied evenly to all (Columbus Dispatch, 7/6/2018)

Richard Cordray's Nazi analogy was an overreach (Toledo Blade, 7/6/2018)

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OHIO UNSURE OF STATUS OF 2,300 STUDENTS FROM CLOSED E-SCHOOL

Many of the students enrolled in Ohio's largest online charter school when it closed in January have transferred to other schools, but state officials don't know what happened with about 2,300 students.

OHIO NATIVE ANDREW WHEELER, FORMER COAL LOBBYIST, IS NEW EPA LEADER

The new leader of the Environmental Protection Agency is a former coal industry lobbyist who helped lead an industry fight against regulations that protect Americans' health and address climate change.



DEWINE SAYS HANDS TIED ON PURSUING ECOT -- UNTIL TRIAL-COURT RULING

Responding to critics questioning why it did not take action against ECOT founder Bill Lager years ago, the office of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine says its hands were legally tied until a lower court ruling in March.

OHIO LIBERTARIANS SUBMIT PETITION FORMS TO REGAIN MINOR-PARTY STATUS

The Libertarian Party of Ohio expects its comeback to succeed, allowing the party to field candidates for governor, U.S. Senate and other offices this fall.

DEMOCRAT DANNY O'CONNOR LAUNCHES AD LINKING HIMSELF TO ... JOHN KASICH?

In a bid to win the support of independents and moderate Republicans, Democratic congressional candidate Danny O'Connor has launched a 30-second TV commercial

featuring an endorsement from a Delaware woman who voted for Ohio Gov. John Kasich and President Donald Trump.

EDITORIAL: STATEHOUSE SECURITY SHOULD BE APPLIED EVENLY TO ALL

It is disappointing that Statehouse security officials and a two-term state representative haven't been able to resolve the lawmaker's allegation that she has been inappropriately hassled multiple times while trying to enter the building.

THE PLAIN DEALER

RIGHT-TO-WORK GROUP DEMANDS OHIO STOP COLLECTING UNION DUES FROM SOME STATE WORKERS

A "right-to-work" advocacy group has threatened to launch a class-action suit against Ohio and 19 other states if they don't immediately stop deducting union dues from non-union public employees' paychecks following a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

OHIO DRUG TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION AMENDMENT COULD BE ON NOVEMBER BALLOT

Supporters of a proposal to reduce penalties for nonviolent drug crime offenders submitted hundreds of thousands of signatures on Wednesday to put the measure on the November ballot.

WHAT MEDICAL CONDITIONS CAN BE TREATED WITH MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN OHIO?

The success of a state's medical marijuana program can hinge on what medical conditions qualify a patient for treatment with cannabis.

OHIO LIBERTARIANS SEEK A RETURN TO THE BALLOT THIS YEAR

After almost four years in the political wilderness, the Libertarian Party of Ohio is seeking to regain state recognition for the 2018 midterm election.

'RIGHT-TO-WORK' GROUP THREATENS TO SUE OHIO AFTER SUPREME COURT RULING: CAPITOL LETTER

Just due it: A "right-to-work" advocacy group has threatened Ohio with a lawsuit if it doesn't immediately stop collecting union dues from non-union state workers.

THE ENQUIRER

DIALYSIS TO DUELS: WHY OHIO KEEPS VOTING ON ODD, COMPLICATED BALLOT ISSUES

Are you well-versed in kidney dialysis pricing? Do you understand how Medicaid pays for prescription drugs?

THE BLADE

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RICHARD CORDRAY'S NAZI ANALOGY WAS AN OVERREACH

Republicans have pounced on Ohio Democratic governor candidate Richard Cordray for referencing Nazis in two recent rallies.

LOCAL DOG BREEDERS, RETAILERS REACT TO NEW ANTI-PUPPY-MILL LAW

Richard Stroshine, co-owner of Stroshine's Studs and Buds in Northwood, is too familiar with the horrors of puppy mills.

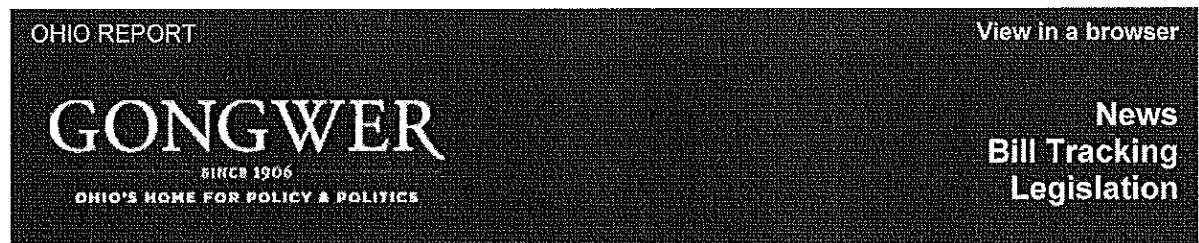
EDITORIAL: SLAVERY IN OHIO

Former U.S. Attorney Steve Dettelbach is running for Attorney General of Ohio, in part, on the promise that he will focus on human trafficking.

EDITORIAL: REGISTER TO VOTE NOW

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An expected legislative break is being cut short for the Senate as the chamber is set to return next week to continue its work considering a contentious overhaul of short-term lending laws.

The payday lending bill (HB 123) is slated for consideration by the Senate Finance Committee Monday and Tuesday, if necessary. The measure is expected to come up before the full Senate Tuesday morning.

The Finance Committee meetings are expected to be the only committee action of the week.

John Fortney, spokesman for Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina), said amendments are expected Monday or Tuesday.

What that language will look like remains unclear.

The committee spent much of last week hearing testimony on the measure and weighing potential changes offered by Sen. Matt Huffman (R-Lima).

Backers of the original language, which would limit fees and interest rates and require repayment to be capped at 5% of the borrower's income, balked at proposed changes in the Senate. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 21, 2018)

Proponents, including the Pew Charitable Trusts, voiced openness to some changes, such as increasing the allowable loan sizes and rates, that would still preserve the overarching framework. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 25, 2018)

Sen. Matt Dolan (R-Chagrin Falls) said this week he had prepared amendments to that effect but wasn't sure whether the committee would work from the House-passed language or from a framework outlined by Sen. Huffman.

"My amendments were directed toward 123 based on what I heard in terms of testimony and in terms of what could help within the structure of 123 to increase the costs a little bit to help out the lenders," he said in an interview.

Those discussions have included increased rates and allowable fees, including raising the limit on what a borrower can be required to pay back to perhaps as high as 10% of their income, Sen. Dolan said.

"That would obviously increase the ability for the borrower to borrow more money," Sen. Dolan said. "We're trying to find that fine line."

Supporters of the initial language have said raising the 5% income limit to perhaps 7% or 8% would be acceptable, but 10% could be too high.

Sen. Huffman's proposals would create a framework around the total costs of installment loans, limiting those to a per diem rate based on the size and duration of the loan. He has said the proposal would also cap the total principal amount a borrower could have out at any one time at \$2,500. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 26, 2018)

State Touts Mental Health Parity With Managed Care Integration Of Behavioral Services

With the July 1 carve-in of behavioral health services in Medicaid into managed care, the state says it is now compliant with a 2008 federal law requiring parity for mental health and addiction services.

The departments of Medicaid and of Mental Health and Addiction Services released a report examining compliance by managed care plans in providing parity in patients' access to those services.

The state was initially scheduled to show compliance in October 2017 but received approval from federal regulators to wait until the July 1 integration of behavioral health services into managed care. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 28, 2018)

"That gave us the opportunity to have our implementation dates be the same as our carve-in," Medicaid Director Barbara Sears said in an interview.

The behavioral health integration is a separate effort from the work toward parity, but the state decided to have those dates coincide because of the way it framed its plan with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, said Patrick Stephan, director of managed care for ODM.

"What we didn't want to do was have to go through the process twice," he said. "Had we not connected this with our integration of behavioral health services into managed care, we would've had to have done it on the fee-for-service side."

Parity means managed care plans will be prevented from having cumbersome prior authorization requirements, limits on service days or other restrictions on mental health services that aren't used on physical health services, Mr. Stephan said.

"At its core, this act requires us to make certain that within Medicaid, and in this case within the managed care plans' administration of the benefit, that we do not have qualitative or quantitative requirements on mental health services that are more stringent than what you would get on the physical side," he said.

Mr. Stephan said the move toward managed care will also help ensure patients' access to mental health services because plans are required to provide that access and can incentivize providers in order to achieve it.

"In the fee for service side, we had very little ability to encourage new providers into the market," he said. "On the managed care side, we have standards that the plans must meet, and if they don't, then they get fined, they get penalized."

Lori Criss, CEO of the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Services Providers, said parity is key but questioned whether the system has actually achieved the goal.

"Fully implementing and robustly enforcing the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 is critically important to ensure that Ohioans can understand and access the health insurance benefits rightly available to them," she said in a statement. "While we appreciate Ohio Medicaid's compliance report, the analysis appears to lack sufficient detail to support its broad conclusion without review of the underlying assessment documents."

Moving forward, the state will have to ensure parity standards are met, she said.

"The real test will be how well Medicaid promotes transparency and holds the plans accountable for the law's requirements," she said. "The Ohio Parity at 10 Coalition looks forward to working with lawmakers and the administration to raise awareness of the law's benefits to Ohioans, their families and employers."

CAUV 'On the Road To Correction' Following Budget Changes, Group Says

Budget language aimed at alleviating increased costs from rising Current Agricultural Use Values are having their intended impact, the Ohio Farmers Union told state officials recently.

The Department of Taxation each year holds a public hearing in June to brief farmers and interest groups on the latest values and to gather feedback on the subject.

In recent years, the meetings have been the site of much angst as some farmers grapple with sharp increases. During the 2014 tax year, the high watermark, increases were seen as high as 400%. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 2, 2017)

"We had tremendous increase in the CAUV values going back to 2008," said Ted Finnarn, attorney for the organization. "Because of (the changes), the CAUV values have come down and are heading back down to where they should have been."

But the latest meeting came and went with little fanfare, with the union providing the only testimony and praising the recent changes.

"We're finally on the road to correction," Mr. Finnarn said in an interview. "By the 2020 cycle, the CAUV values will be down so farmers have more reasonable taxes."

Gloria Gardner, assistant administrator for the department, said the statewide average value for cropland came in at \$1,015 per acre for tax year 2018, down about 27% from 2015 values which were \$1,388. The values are updated every three years as counties undergo their appraisal process.

"The values are dropping pretty significantly due to some of the changes that were in House Bill 49 in 2017 and this is the second year of implementing those changes," Ms. Gardner said. "The woodland values are also coming down."

The budget changes, which originated in the Senate, modified the factors to be used in computing the values and placed a ceiling on the taxable value of CAUV land if it is also used for conservation purposes. The changes were phased across two stages over a six year assessment cycle.

"We sort of had a perfect storm - all of these things coming together - and we had extremely high values that were unwarranted and unfair and unprecedented," Mr. Finnarn said. "Now we're on the road to having more reasonable real estate taxes for farmers and woodland owners."

Not all parties were pleased with the budget changes, however. School groups expressed repeated concerns with how the changes might impact their districts, forecasting a 30% reduction in farming property values that would shift the burden onto other property owners.

Barbara Shaner, advocacy specialist for the Ohio Association of School Business Officials, said those fears continue.

"We're still sorting out the results of the most recent information from the tax department but we also think we won't see the full effect for a few more years because not all the counties have undergone their reevaluation," Ms. Shaner said. "We remain concerned and we'll continue to monitor the way it's turning out."

Ed Board Expected To Debate, Vote On Third-Grade Reading Benchmark

The State Board of Education is set to vote to increase the Third Grade Reading Guarantee promotion score next weekend at its monthly meeting.

A proposal to raise the benchmark students would need to meet on the Ohio State Test for third grade English and language arts from 672 to 677 was set for a possible vote by the panel's Achievement and Graduation Requirements Committee last month, but it ultimately delayed its decision. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 12, 2018)

The committee is once again scheduled to discuss the proposal at its 8:30 a.m. Tuesday meeting, with the full board expected to consider the resolution enacting the change later that day. The resolution is set for consideration as an emergency measure, so it would take effect before the start of the next school year.

The state board is required by law to review the third grade language arts benchmark and adjust it upward annually until it reaches 700, which indicates proficiency, according to a memo sent to committee members late last month by the Department of Education's legal staff.

Despite the requirement that the score increase, the committee balked at recommending the promotion score be set at 677 last month, with multiple members asking for more time to discuss the potential change with local school district officials.

District 4 board member Pat Bruns at the time said she was concerned raising the score could mean districts' improvements at teaching young readers would not be reflected in state report cards, sending a "false message" to community members.

An overview of the issue provided by ODE to the committee states that: "Because of the state law, the education community is expecting to see a modest increase in the promotion score. No one will be surprised by an increase."

ODE also argues the change in the overall language arts score from 672 to 677 corresponds to the smallest possible increase in the reading subscore, from 44 to 45.

"It is possible this change will not increase the number or percent of students who are retained. If there is a reduction in the number of students promoted, we would expect it to be small," the overview states.

At-large board member Laura Kohler, the committee's chairwoman, previously said she supports the plan to increase the benchmark to 677 because administrators and teachers have been preparing for it with increased aid from the state.

"We're looking at a different landscape than we were a couple of year ago with the supports that are in place," she said.

Subscriber's Note: The full agenda for the State Board of Education's Monday and Tuesday meeting is available online.

Rover, FERC Staff Spar Over Land Restoration, Pipeline Operations

Rover Pipeline operators, long at odds with state regulators, are now amping up their frustration with their federal overseers.

In recent missives, Rover Pipeline LCC blasted Federal Energy Regulatory Commission staff for what it considers the commission's failure to authorize full operation of a major section of the controversial project. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 1, 2018)

The lack of action on FERC's part has left Rover "more than a little baffled," wrote Rover Senior Vice President Chris Sonneborn. But FERC staff said the delays are prompted by Rover's failure to restore land impacted by the project by a June 30 deadline. The

company in recent weeks has informed staff restoration efforts are likely to continue until "at least" July 30.

According to Rover, FERC staff in May authorized service to commence on a main segment of the pipeline called Supply Connector Line B. But in doing so, staff withheld granting in-service authorization for two laterals pending further review.

"As a result of staff's inaction, significant volumes of natural gas have been unable to flow on pipeline facilities that have been completed for nearly a month," Mr. Sonneborn wrote. "This is unfortunate, because...the incremental natural gas supply that would have been available to flow would have been used to offset the large deficit the nation is facing to replenish storage inventories in preparation for the 2018-2019 heating season...."

Failure to act soon, the company claims, is outside "the public interest." But FERC declined to be persuaded by the company's comments. Staff instead responded with a formal notice directing the company to complete outstanding restoration activities at those two Ohio sites.

"Because restoration of these facilities was not complete at the time of in-service authorization, Rover committed to completing the remaining restoration activities by specific dates," wrote John Wood, FERC's deputy director of the Office of Energy Projects. "However, commission staff monitoring certificate compliance believes that rover will be unable to meet a number of those commitments...."

As a result, staff directed Rover to take "prompt and immediate action" and to file prior to July 9 a detailed account of why the company cannot adhere to the agreed upon timetable.

"Neither the commission nor its staff takes lightly a pipeline's commitments to restore and rehabilitate affected lands," Mr. Wood said. "Accordingly, the commission expects pipelines to follow through on their commitments to restore and rehabilitate land and other resources disturbed by the construction of a certificated pipeline."

In response, Mr. Sonneborn issued a second letter this week leveling further attacks, accusing FERC staff of making "several inaccurate statements" toward the project and the company's willingness to fulfill its land restoration commitments.

"For the record, and as Rover has stated previously in this docket on numerous occasions, Rover will honor and meet all of its restoration commitments - whether those are scheduled to occur before or after Rover is fully in service," Rover wrote. "Any implication to the contrary is simply untrue."

Rover now is also accusing FERC staff of "a fundamental misunderstanding" of how the restoration process works.

"A company can supply ample resources, equipment, and personnel to restoration efforts; however, the variable of weather, and therefore the pace of restoration, is simply outside of any pipeline's control," Rover wrote. "There is no amount of planning or resources that can change the reality that on any major pipeline project there are always going to be changes to the restoration schedule due to events outside of the pipeline's control."

The company's public pushback accusing FERC of stating falsehoods is much like the back-and-forth Rover has engaged in with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. Rover and the OEPA have engaged in a months-long back and forth with Rover accusing OEPA of cooperating with the company in private but taking an adversarial approach in public.

That tiff ultimately led to a lawsuit filed by the state, which Rover and several other defendants have filed to dismiss. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 5, 2018)

Public Comments Continue On State, Federal Lifeline Proposals

Stakeholder groups and citizens are continuing their efforts to thwart state and federal proposals that would eliminate in whole or in part a federal discount program for low-income customers.

At the state level, AT&T is proposing to discontinue its participation in the federal Lifeline program - which grants eligible customers a \$9.25 monthly credit - in areas in which another provider operates that service.

But the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has yet to approve that plan and in recent days has urged the public to weigh in via written feedback.

Meanwhile, the Federal Communications Commission is weighing a similar but more far-reaching plan that would largely eliminate the resource for a swathe of customers across the country. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 23, 2018)

In the PUCO case, comments have been submitted from a handful of citizens as of Friday, each urging the commission to deny AT&T's plan and maintain the program.

Several commenters described themselves as licensed social workers working with elderly populations. Others are customers who benefit from the program and who labeled the company's attempt to cut it "indefensible" and "abhorrent."

AT&T, for its part, has emphasized that no Ohio customer will lose voice service through the move but will instead receive it at the standard rate. Customers are free, it said, to receive the Lifeline discount from other providers in those areas.

The move "will have only a nominal impact on Ohio consumers who have demonstrated a clear preference for obtaining their Lifeline discount from (companies) other than

AT&T," the company said. "Over the past eight years, AT&T has seen its own Ohio Lifeline subscribership shrink by 94%."

Advocates, though, caution the move would strip vulnerable Ohioans of a valuable resource. The Ohio Consumers' Counsel and the Greater Edgemont Community Coalition are among those protesting the idea. In part, they've urged commissioners to solicit public input and take the federal case into consideration. (Docket)

In the federal case, the Federal Communications Commission is proposing changes critics say will erect more barriers for Lifeline consumers nationwide. There are about 608,000 total subscribers in Ohio, according to proponents of the program.

The PUCO and the Ohio Consumers' Counsel are among parties that have submitted comments in opposition to the federal proposal.

Under the proposed changes, eligible consumers must enroll online first through a third-party verifier and then through a specified carrier. Currently, the customer can enroll directly through their provider.

Proponents of the Lifeline program this week were denied a stay in the case when regulators determined the parties were unlikely to prevail on the merits and would not suffer irreparable injury.

In response, Q Link, the nation's third-largest Lifeline provider, on Thursday filed an emergency motion that if approved would enact additional changes to enable carriers to collect customer information directly from the third-party verifier.

Q Link serves about 40,000 Lifeline customers in Ohio. Sixty-seven percent reside in rural or suburban areas and 82% are new to Lifeline, which the company said indicates they were previously unserved by and may not have access to other providers.

"The...proposed change will be unnecessarily difficult and confusing for consumers," said Q Link CEO Issa Asad in a statement. "Beyond the impact on rural Americans, which will be significant, the new system's failure to include automated links with carriers will unnecessarily cost taxpayers tens of millions of dollars."

'Sweeping' Changes In Store After Federal Regulators Reject PJM Capacity Market Plans

Federal regulators voted along party lines recently to toss aside two proposals from PJM Interconnection to revamp the capacity market, paving the way for a potentially drastic shake up in the months ahead.

PJM in April submitted two competing proposals for FERC's consideration on how to best overhaul the market. But in the end, the commission's 3-2 order went far beyond simply rejecting the proposals and instead paves the way for what one dissenting

commissioner labeled "sweeping" changes for the grid operator that serves 13 states. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 7, 2018)

In short, the commission determined subsidies for renewable and nuclear sources have rendered PJM's current tariff "unjust, unreasonable and unduly discriminatory" in that it fails to ensure adequate competition. FERC is now proposing to expand the minimum offer price rule - which enacts a screening process to gauge the competitiveness of new resources - among other changes.

"We find...the PJM Tariff allows resources receiving out-of-market support to significantly affect capacity prices in a manner that will cause unjust and unreasonable and unduly discriminatory rates in PJM regardless of the intent motivating the support," the majority wrote. "We are compelled...to conclude that out-of-market payments by certain PJM states have reached a level sufficient to significantly impact the capacity market clearing prices and the integrity of the resulting price signals on which investors and consumers rely to guide the orderly entry and exit of capacity resources."

Stakeholder groups in Ohio and beyond are still parsing the details of the 106-page order, but they have a short timetable to digest its ramifications. After the 60-day comment window, parties have 30 days for reply comments after which FERC wants to reach a solution.

PJM issued a statement stating its pleasure that FERC is taking action.

"The order appears to be a positive step to change competitive electric market design while recognizing the important role states play in influencing the resource mix through retail energy policies," according to PJM. "We will begin work immediately to develop the kind of bifurcated capacity construct envisioned by the commission and actively engage stakeholders, including the states, within the timetable laid out by the commission."

But FERC's two Democratic members issued scathing dissents regarding the substance of the order and the timeline laid out by the majority.

"Let's be clear: through its action today, the majority signals its intent to adopt, through a 90-day paper hearing, the most sweeping changes to the PJM capacity construct since the market's inception more than a decade ago," Commissioner Cheryl LaFleur wrote in her dissent. "If ultimately adopted, this proposal would fundamentally rebalance the resource adequacy responsibilities of the states, the commission, and PJM."

Commissioner Richard Glick said the commission in its order "entirely fails" to demonstrate its claims the market is unjust and further criticized the timeline.

"Requiring interested parties to decipher today's order, develop testimony, gather evidence, and meaningfully respond within 60 days is irresponsible," he said. "On top of that, this short timeframe essentially guarantees that PJM will not be able to work with the states to develop a proposal that aligns with state policies."

Agency Briefs: Hurst To Replace Plouck At ODMHAS; U.S. Unemployment Rate Up; OSHP; ODNR

Dr. Mark Hurst will replace Tracy Plouck as director of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services next week as Ms. Plouck, a longtime administration official, leaves for the private sector.

Gov. John Kasich announced Dr. Hurst's appointment Friday. He will take over the department effective July 13.

Ms. Plouck has been in Gov. Kasich's cabinet since 2011 and has twice served as state Medicaid director. She also served as deputy director in the Department of Developmental Disabilities and the Office of Budget and Management.

"I'm extremely grateful to Tracy Plouck for her leadership, compassion, counsel and service to Ohio," Gov. Kasich said. "She has a servant spirit and exemplifies the best in public leadership. She is a model for other leaders to follow and I wish her and her family all the best in this new chapter of their lives."

Dr. Hurst has served as medical director at ODMHAS since 2012 and has been at the department since 1993.

"Dr. Hurst's leadership, insights and compassion have distinguished him as a valuable member of our team and contributed mightily to the progress Ohio is beginning to make against addiction and to lift up our fellow Ohioans struggling with mental illness," Gov. Kasich said in a statement. "I appreciate that he's agreed to take on this responsibility. The work ahead is monumental and the challenges will continue to shift, but his leadership has been-and will continue to be-an enormous asset in Ohio's efforts in these areas."

Unemployment: The U.S. added 213,000 jobs in June despite a loss of jobs in retail trade, but the unemployment rate rose to 4% as more people re-entered the labor force, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Friday.

The unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage points to 4% as the number of unemployed people rose by nearly 500,000 to 6.6 million, the BLS reported.

The overall labor force grew significantly, rising by 601,000, with the labor force participation rate rising 0.2 percentage points to 62.9%, the report said.

The survey found job gains of 50,000 for the month in professional and business services. Manufacturing employment grew by 36,000, mostly in durable goods manufacturing, including fabricated metal products (+7,000), computer and electronic products (+5,000) and primary metals (+3,000).

Motor vehicles and parts manufacturing bounced back from a loss of 8,000 jobs in May with a gain of 12,000 in June, the report found.

Health care employment was up 25,000 for the month, construction was up 13,000 and mining was up 5,000.

Retail trade lost 22,000 jobs, a month after seeing a gain of 25,000 in May.

State Highway Patrol: The patrol reported eight people were killed in four deadly crashes during the Fourth of July reporting period Tuesday and Wednesday. Impairment was a factor in at least one of the deadly crashes.

During last year's reporting period, from June 30 to July 4, there were 21 fatal crashes that killed 21 people, including eight OVI-related crashes, the patrol said.

Troopers made 296 impaired driving arrests and 276 arrests on drug charges. They responded to 297 crashes and assisted more than 2,000 motorists.

"When someone chooses to drive impaired the consequences can be deadly," Patrol Superintendent Col. Paul A. Pride said in a statement. "That's why troopers make OVI enforcement a priority, whether they're patrolling during a holiday weekend or any time of day. Motorists should always pre-plan a sober way home."

Natural Resources: The department's officers and partnering agencies issued 102 citations and 895 warnings last weekend during Operation Dry Water, a nationwide crackdown on impaired boating.

There were three boating-related fatalities in Ohio during the weekend, the ODNR said.

ODNR officers and partners contacted 3,500 boaters on 1,261 vessels for various violations during the crackdown.

The Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management reported that 2,840 permits had been issued for drilling in the Utica shale as of June 30, with 2,370 wells drilled and 1,904 in production.

Burke Blasts Cordray's Medicaid Comments; Soybean Group Sounds Tariff Alarm; Boccieri Calls For More Local Funding

A lawmaker on Friday accused Democratic gubernatorial candidate Richard Cordray of either lying about or not understanding the issue of Medicaid expansion.

Sen. Dave Burke (R-Marysville), who chairs the Senate Health, Human Services & Medicaid Committee, accused Mr. Cordray of twice in the past week saying that 26,000 children could be impacted if Medicaid expansion were rolled back.

However, Sen. Burke said in a statement that the expansion covers only childless adults.

"Richard Cordray continues to make Medicaid expansion a key part of his campaign for governor, but his statements over the past week prove he does not understand Ohio's Medicaid program. Cordray's comments in the media show he is either unprepared to be governor, or that he is willing to blatantly lie and use fear tactics to scare Ohioans into voting for him," he said.

"Medicaid comprises over 50% of Ohio's annual budget. If Richard Cordray doesn't understand such a key part of the state budget, then Ohioans simply cannot trust him to sit in the governor's office. Richard Cordray is making promises, and this week he's proven to us that that he doesn't know how he would keep them, even if he wanted to."

In response, the campaign of Mr. Cordray cited a 2016 report from the Georgetown University Center for Children and Families that credited Medicaid expansion for 26,000 children gaining insurance coverage from 2013-2015.

Tariff Concerns: The Ohio Soybean Association is sounding the alarm about retaliatory tariffs China has placed on American soybeans. The tariffs kicked in Friday in response to tariffs enacted by the Trump Administration that same day on an array of Chinese goods.

The group in a statement said 61% of all soybean exports go to China, which accounts for about \$14 billion annually in sales.

"This doesn't only hurt Ohio farmers, it will hurt the entire Ohio economy," said Allen Armstrong, OSA president and soybean farmer from Clark County. "We continue to believe that solutions can be found that do not involve tariffs and a trade war that will hurt all of rural America."

Local Funding: A new report by the Brookings Institute has led to a renewed call for more local government funding.

The report found that from 2010-2017, three Ohio cities ranked in the top 20 in population decline: Youngstown (19), Toledo (12) and Cleveland (5).

Rep. John Boccieri (D-Alliance) in a statement called for additional funding for local governments to stem the tide of population loss.

"You can push the responsibility of raising revenue to the lowest layers of government while sending more and more to state government," he said. "As elected officials, we have a duty to work together to get things done - regardless of who is in charge."

Case Remanded After Judge Cites Article In Sentencing; High Court Denies Stay Of Execution; Buckeye Institute Weighs In On Case...

A federal district court judge erred in doubling a man's sentence after citing a Cleveland.com article on opioid overdoses, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled recently.

Marcus Fleming in July 2016 was pulled over by Canton police and found to be carrying nearly 1,000 grams of cocaine.

Based on federal sentencing guidelines, the prosecution recommended five years in prison for Mr. Fleming.

However, at the sentencing hearing Judge John Adams cited the article before handing down a 10-year sentence.

Mr. Fleming argued he was prejudiced by the use of the article because he did not know it would be cited at the sentencing hearing and he was not provided an opportunity to address the issues raised.

The Sixth Circuit agreed, finding the sentence was rendered in a procedurally unreasonable manner.

"The district court's consideration of information about mixed cocaine-opioid overdose deaths was a surprise because, before the sentencing hearing, there was no indication that opioids were relevant to this case, let alone that they would play a prominent role. Fleming was convicted for possession of cocaine, not opioids," Judge John Rogers wrote in the court's decision.

"Nothing in the record suggested that opioids were found in Fleming's car, or that Fleming had ever sold or possessed opioids, or even that any cocaine Fleming sold had ever been mixed with opioids. Of course, opioids have been a topic of grave public concern in recent years, as their devastating and tragic effects have been felt across the country. But it was far from apparent that they were relevant to Fleming's sentence for possession of cocaine."

Judge Rogers was joined by Judge Raymond Kethledge and Judge Damon Keith in his decision.

The case is remanded back to the district court for sentencing.

Stay Denied: The Ohio Supreme Court has declined to stay the execution of a man set to be put to death this month.

In a unanimous ruling the court declined to stay the July 18 execution of Robert Van Hook.

He is on death row after being convicted of the 1985 murder of David Self.

Judicial Deference: The Buckeye Institute has filed an amicus brief in a case that could end judicial deference to executive agencies' interpretations of the law.

"The practice of courts relying on agencies to interpret the law has proven to be dysfunctional, inconsistent with our constitutional system, and has led to the erosion of individual liberties," President and CEO Robert Alt said in a statement. "It is time for the Supreme Court to junk *Chevron*."

Disciplinary Proceedings: The Board of Professional Conduct announced that 12 cases have been certified for formal disciplinary proceedings.

Portman Sets Sights On Deferred Park Maintenance; Dems Welcome Pruitt's Exit; Ryan Tours Immigrant Facility

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-Terrace Park) is among a bipartisan group of senators aiming to tackle about \$12 billion in deferred maintenance within the National Park Service.

He joined with senators Mark Warner (D-VA), Lamar Alexander (R-TN), and Angus King (I-ME) to introduce the Restore Our Parks Act, which has earned support from Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, the National Parks Conservation Association, the Pew Charitable Trusts' Restore America's Parks Campaign and the Outdoor Industry Association.

"For more than a century, the National Park Service has been inspiring Americans to explore the natural beauty of our country," Sen. Portman said in a statement. "But in order to keep that work going, we need to ensure that they have the right resources to maintain our national parks. This bill will create the Legacy Restoration Fund to provide the National Park Service with funds for deferred maintenance projects."

The legislation would provide more than \$100 million in funding for work at parks and historic sites in Ohio. The vast majority of the funding would go toward improvements at two sites: Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial in Put-in-Bay (\$47.7 million) and Cuyahoga Valley National Park in Cuyahoga and Summit counties (\$45.8 million).

Resignation: Democratic members of Ohio's congressional delegation had no kind words for U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt following his resignation Thursday.

"Scott Pruitt used taxpayer dollars to benefit himself while working to gut Lake Erie cleanup and the Renewable Fuel Standard and the Ohio jobs that depend on them," U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown tweeted. "He never should have been confirmed in the first place, and it's past time for him to go."

U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan (D-Niles) issued a brief statement in response to the departure: "It's about time."

U.S. Rep. Joyce Beatty (D-Blacklick) simply tweeted "Byeeeeeee!" with a link to a media report about Mr. Pruitt's resignation.

Immigration: Rep. Ryan and three of his U.S. House colleagues from Michigan on Thursday received a tour of Bethany Christian Services' facility in Grand Rapids and learned about the organization's plans to reunite immigrant children with their families.

Rep. Ryan in a statement called the Trump administration's policy of separating children from parents at the U.S.'s southern border "state sponsored abuse."

"Children are traveling by themselves or with their loved ones to avoid violence and danger in their country, and they fled to the United States to find safety and security. They are doing what any responsible parent would do," he said. "But when they arrive at our border, the Trump Administration turns its back on our values and rips children away from their parents - with zero plan to bring them back together."

Hearing: Sen. Brown and Sen. Portman will conduct a field hearing of a congressional committee charged with solving looming pension problems next week at the Statehouse.

The House and Senate Joint Select Committee on Pensions will meet at 2 p.m. next Friday at in the Finan Hearing Room. The hearing will allow panel members to receive testimony from Ohio workers and retirees who could be affected if Congress fails to take action.

Multiple plans Ohioans participate in, including the Central States Teamsters Pension Plan, the United Mine Workers Pension Plan, the Ironworkers Local 17 Pension Plan, the Ohio Southwest Carpenters Pension Plan and the Bakers and Confectioners Pension Plan "are currently on the "brink of failure," according to a news release from Sen. Portman's office.

The committee, which has 16 members appointed by House and Senate leadership, has been tasked with reporting a bill to resolve the issue by the end of November.

Capitol Scene: Child Caring Group Updates Name

The advocacy group formerly known as the Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies has renamed itself the Ohio Children's Alliance, it was announced Friday.

The change, the group said, reflects the changing environment for child and family services.

"Our new name is more representative of our mission and the composition of our statewide network of community agencies," said Mark Mecum, the group's CEO. "Over the past five decades, our association has grown to over 70 community agencies that provide behavioral health, foster care, and other child and family services. We've also evolved into an alliance that fosters collaboration and innovation. Our new name symbolizes our commitment to Ohio's children and the agencies that serve them."

The organization was founded in 1973.



Daily Activity Planner for Saturday, July 7-Monday, July 9

Legislative Committees

Monday, July 16

Senate Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Oelslager, S., 466-0626), Finance Hearing Rm., 3 p.m.

HB 123 **LENDING LAWS (Koehler, K., Ashford, M.)** To modify the Short-Term Loan Act, to specify a minimum duration requirement for loans made under the Small Loan Law and Mortgage Loan Law, and to limit the authority of credit services organizations to broker extensions of credit for buyers. (6th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

Agency Calendar

Monday, July 9

State Board of Education, 25 South Front St., Columbus, 8:30 a.m.

Controlling Board, North Hearing Rm., Senate Bldg., Columbus, 1:30 p.m.

Event Planner

Monday, July 9

Release of June casino revenue figures, 1:30 a.m.

Rep. Gary Scherer (R-Circleville) golf outing fundraiser, Cooks Creek Golf Club, 14065 U.S. Rt. 23, S. Bloomfield, 11 a.m., (11 am registration; 12 pm shotgun)

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Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 10 a.m.

Senate Session (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 11 a.m.


Thursday, July 12

Ohio Retirement Study Council (Committee Record) (Chr. Schuring, K., 228-1346), Rm. 121, 10 a.m.
Managed Long-Term Services and Supports Study Committee (Chr. Burke, D., 000-0467), Senate Finance Hearing Rm., 10 a.m.

- Providers and consumers of MyCare services will be invited to share their perspectives on MyCare Ohio along with Q & A (100 minutes); Quality Measures Data from Department of Medicaid (20 minutes)

Monday, July 16

Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (Committee Record) (Chr. Uecker, J., 644-6030), Senate Finance Hearing Rm., 1:30 p.m.

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Monday, July 9

Release of June casino revenue figures, 1:30 a.m.

Rep. Gary Scherer (R-Circleville) golf outing fundraiser, Cooks Creek Golf Club, 14065 U.S. Rt. 23, S. Bloomfield, 11 a.m., (11 am registration; 12 pm shotgun)

Tuesday, July 10

Rep. Scott Lipps (R-Franklin) fundraiser, Due Amici, 67 E. Gay St., Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Host: \$1,000, Sponsor: \$500, Patron: \$350 to Friends of Scott Lipps)

Wednesday, July 11

Rep. Richard Brown (D-Canal Winchester) fundraiser, The Paddock Club, 1005 Richardson Rd., Groveport, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor Levels: Sponsor \$250, Host \$100, Guest \$50 to Citizens for Richard Brown)

Thursday, July 12

Rep. Hearcel Craig (D-Columbus) fundraiser, Crest Gastropub, 621 Parsons Ave., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Host \$500, Friend \$250, Supporter \$150; Guest \$69 to Friends of Hearcel F. Craig)

Monday, July 16

Rep. Bill Reineke (R-Tiffin) golf outing fundraiser, Mohawk Golf Course, 4399 OH-231, Tiffin, 8:30 a.m., (8:30 am registration; 10 am shotgun)

Tuesday, July 17

Republican Senate Campaign Committee MLB All-Star Game fundraiser, Dock 79, 79 Potomac Ave SE, Washington DC, 5 p.m., (Walk Off: \$5,000 | Grand Slam: \$2,500 | Home Run: \$1,000 to RSCC)

Thursday, July 19

ALEC Annual Meeting, Denver

Sen. Stephanie Kunze (R-Hilliard) manicure fundraiser, W Nail Bar, 946 N. High Street, Columbus, 4 p.m., (PAC: \$500 | Individual: \$250 | Young Professional: \$50 to Citizens for Stephanie Kunze. RSVP is required to ensure appointment.)

Sen. Matt Dolan (R-Chagrin Falls) Batter Up fundraiser, Progressive Field, 2401 Ontario Street, Cleveland, 4 p.m., (4:00pm Warm Up & Batting | 5:30pm Reception. Grand Slam: \$5,000 | Home Run: \$2,500 | Single: \$1,000 | Spectator: \$150 to Friends of Matt Dolan)

Friday, July 20

ALEC Annual Meeting, Denver

Rep. Tom Patton (R-Strongsville) golf outing fundraiser, Mallard Creek Golf Club, 34500 Royalton Road (SR 82), Columbia Station, 10 a.m., (10:00 am Shotgun start; Tournament: \$2,000, Eagle: \$1,000; Foursome: \$600, Birdie:\$5000, Person: \$150 to Friends of Tom Patton)

Saturday, July 21

ALEC Annual Meeting, Denver

Sunday, July 22

YMCA Youth & Government Leaders Training School, Statehouse, Columbus

Monday, July 23

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Sen. Matt Huffman (R-Lima) golf outing fundraiser, Hidden Creek Golf Club, 6245 Sugar Creek Road, Lima, 9 a.m., (9:00am Registration | 10:00am Shotgun Start. Event Sponsor: \$1,000 | Foursome: \$400 | Tee or Green Sponsor: \$200 | Individual Golfer: \$100 to Huffman for Ohio)

Tuesday, July 24

YMCA Youth & Government Leaders Training School, Statehouse, Columbus

Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) fundraiser, Gresso's, 961 S. High St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (Gold: \$2,000; Silver: \$1,000; Bronze: \$500 to Seitz for Ohio)

Wednesday, July 25

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Sen. Rob McColley (R-Napoleon) golf outing fundraiser, Eagle Rock Golf Club, 211 Carpenter Road, Defiance, 11 a.m., (11:00am Registration and Lunch | 12:00pm Shotgun Start | 5:30pm Cocktail Hour | 6:00pm Dinner with State Rep. Craig Riedel. Event Sponsor: \$2,500 | Tee Sponsor: \$1,000 | Green Sponsor: \$500 | Foursome: \$400 | Dinner Sponsor: \$250 | Individual Golfer: \$100 to Citizens for McColley)

Thursday, July 26

YMCA Youth & Government Leaders Training School, Statehouse, Columbus

Rep. Craig Riedel (R-Defiance) golf outing fundraiser, Eagle Rock Golf Club, 211 Carpenter Rd., Defiance, 9:30 a.m., (9:30 Shotgun Start. Event:\$2,500, Tee:\$1,000, Green:\$500, Foursome:\$400, Golfer: \$100 to Citizens to Elect Craig Riedel)
Rep. Bill Blessing (R-Cincinnati) fundraiser, Via Vite, 520 Vine St., Cincinnati, 11:30 a.m., (Sponsor: \$1,000, Host: \$500, Guest: \$250 to Citizens for Blessing)

Friday, July 27

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Monday, July 30

NCSL Legislative Summit, Los Angeles

Tuesday, July 31

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Deadline to file semi-annual campaign finance reports

Wednesday, August 1

NCSL Legislative Summit, Los Angeles

Rep. Riordan McClain (R-Upper Sandusky) golf outing fundraisesr

Thursday, August 2

NCSL Legislative Summit, Los Angeles

Rep. Anne Gonzales (R-Westerville) Lake Erie fundraiser, Dock's Beach House, 252 W. Lakeshore Drive, Port Clinton, 4 p.m., (Sponsor: \$2,500 | Host: \$1,000 | Guest: \$500 to Citizens for Anne Gonzales)

Friday, August 3

Deadline for statewide candidates to file July campaign finance reports

Speaker Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) golf outing fundraiser, Cliffside Golf, 100 Cliffside Drive, Gallipolis, 9 a.m., (Coffee/Registration: 9:00am; Shotgun Start: 10:00am; Event Chair: \$12,707.79; Event host: \$5,000; Event sponsor: \$2,500; Tee Sponsor: \$1,000; Foursome: \$500; Individual Golfer: \$150; Reception only: \$75 to Friends of Ryan Smith)

Sen. Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland) fundraiser, FOP Hall, 2249 Payne Ave., Cleveland, 5 p.m., (\$200 (table); \$20 (friend) to Friends of Sandra Williams)

Tuesday, August 7

Special election for 12th Congressional District seat

Rep. Laura Lanese (R-Grove City) fundraiser, Condado, 132 S. High St., Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Host: \$1,000, Sponsor: \$500, Patron: \$350 to Lanese for Ohio)

Wednesday, August 15

Rep. Theresa Gavarone (R-Bowling Green) golf outing fundraiser

Thursday, August 16

Sen. Bob Hackett (R-London) golf outing fundraiser

Friday, August 17

Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) Fly Fishing fundraiser

Monday, August 20

Rep. Laura Lanese (R-Grove City) golf outing fundraiser, Pinnacle Golf Club, 1500 Pinnacle Golf Club Dr., Grove City, 10 a.m., (10:00 am Registration, 11:00 am Shotgun start, Dinner to follow; Event:\$1,500, Food and Beverage: \$700, Golfer: \$150; Hole: \$100 to Lanese for Ohio)

Thursday, August 23

Hamilton County GOP State Legislative golf outing fundraiser

Monday, August 27

Rep. Scott Ryan (R-Newark) golf outing fundraiser, Denison Golf Club, 555 Newark Granville Rd., Granville, 9 a.m., (9:00 am Registration, 10:00 am Shotgun Start. Event: \$2500; Food and Beverage: \$1000; Tee: \$750; Foursome: \$500; Golfer: \$125; Green: \$100 to Citizens for Scott Ryan)

Saturday, September 1

Lobbyists/Employers can begin filing May-August 2018 Activity & Expenditure Reports

Thursday, September 6

**Deadline for statewide candidates to file August campaign finance reports
Rep. Rick Carfagna (R-Westerville) golf outing fundraiser**

Friday, September 14

Rep. Dave Greenspan (R-Westlake) golf outing fundraiser, Springdale Golf Course, 5871 Canterbury Road, North Olmstead, 9 a.m., (9:00 am Shotgun Start, Lunch at the Turn, Dinner to follow; Dinner Sponsor: \$1,500, Lunch Sponsor: \$1,000, Drink Sponsor: \$750, Hole Sponsor: \$100; Foursome: \$500, Single Golfer: \$125, Dinner only: \$60 to Friends of Dave Greenspan)

Thursday, September 27

Sen. President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) shotgun fundraiser

Friday, September 28

**Rep. Dave Greenspan (R-Westlake) golf outing fundraiser
Sen. Joe Uecker (R-Loveland) Day at the Races fundraiser**

Monday, October 1

JLEC Deadline for filing May-August 2018 Activity & Expenditure Report

Wednesday, October 3

Deadline for statewide candidates to file September campaign finance reports

Thursday, October 25

Deadline to file pre-general campaign finance reports

Tuesday, November 6

General election day

Thursday, November 8

2018 Impact Ohio Post Election Conference, Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High St., Columbus

Saturday, December 1

Lobbyists can begin renewing Legislative, Executive and Retirement System registrations for 2019

Friday, December 14

Deadline to file post-general campaign finance reports

Monday, December 31

All 2018 Legislative, Executive and Retirement System lobbying registrations expire in OLAC

Thursday, January 31

Deadline to 2018 annual campaign finance reports

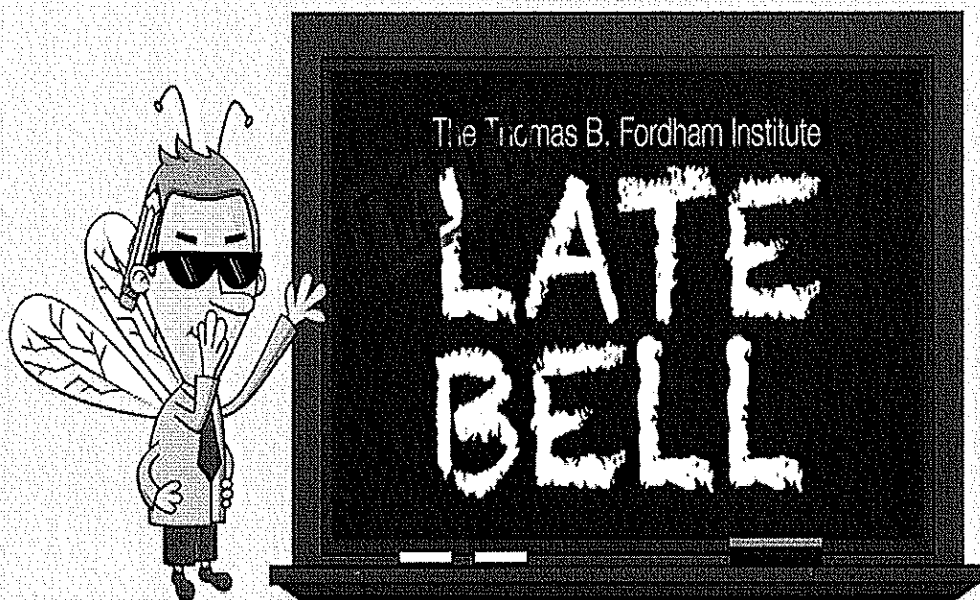
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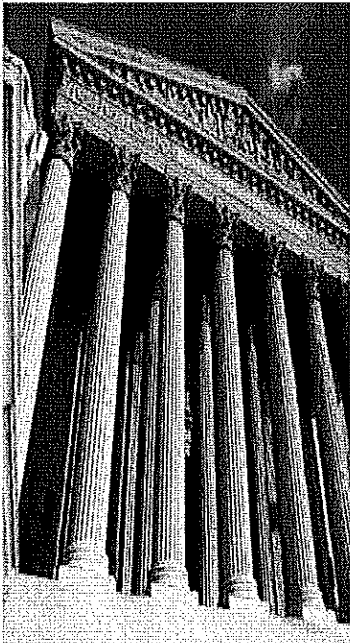
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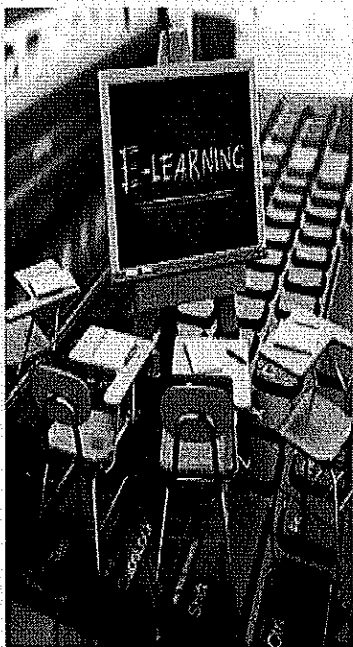
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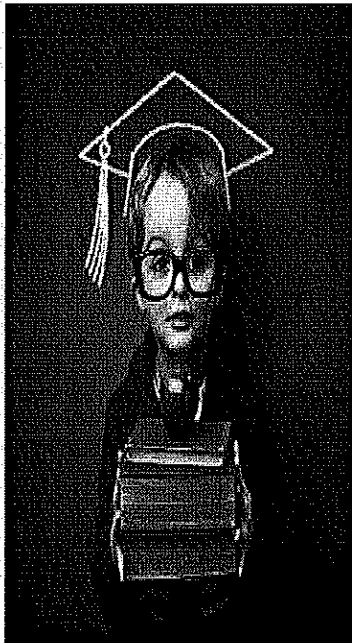
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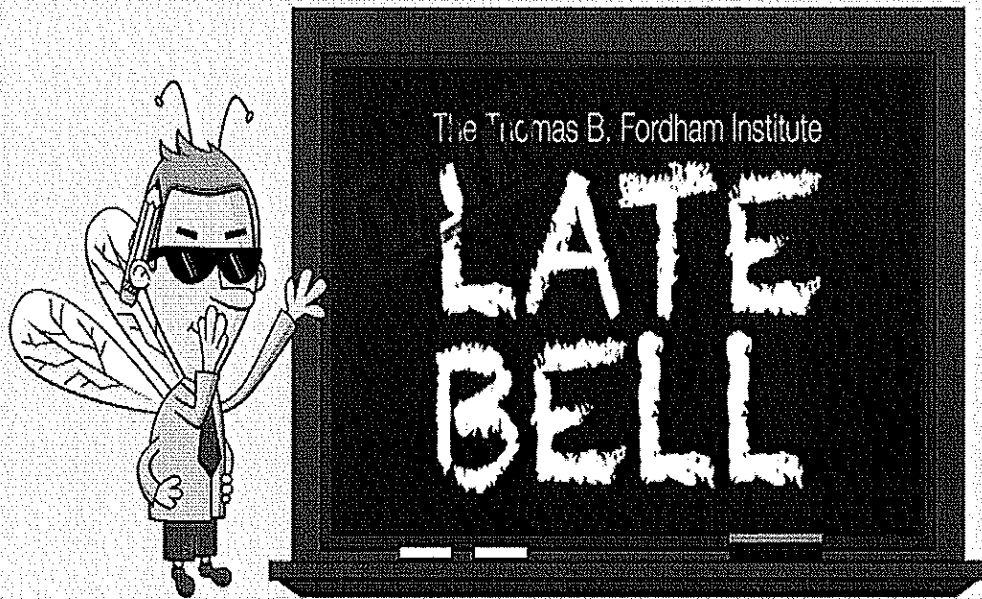


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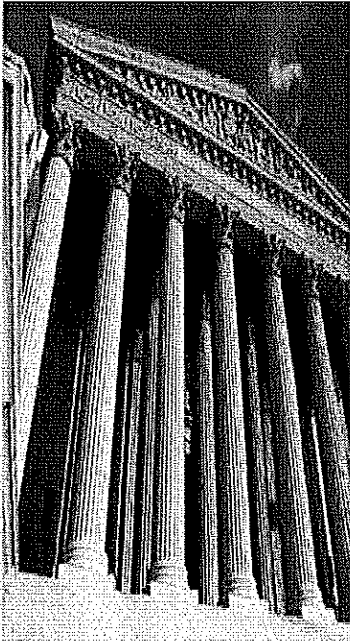
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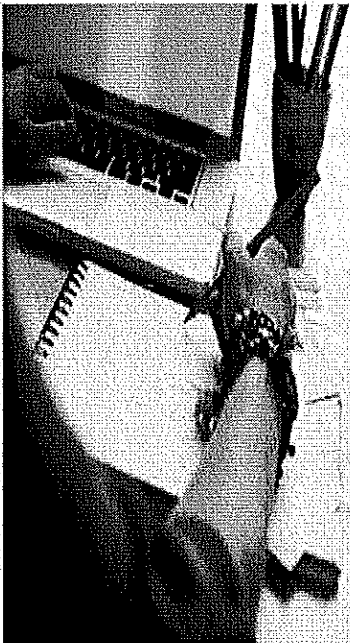
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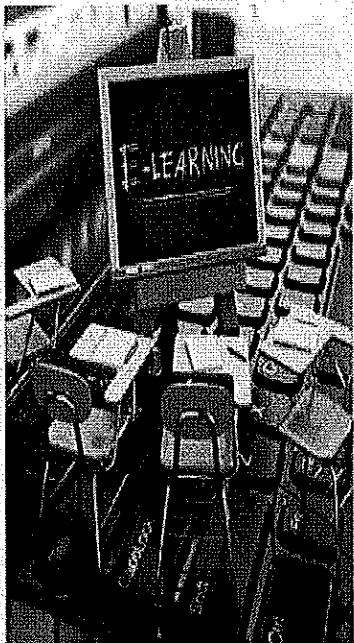
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Maine Legislature Returns to Consider LePage Vetoes

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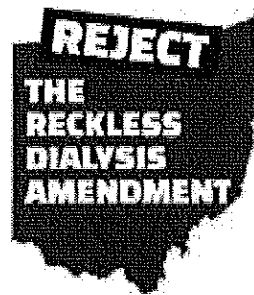
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Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Ohio Kidney Patient, Healthcare Groups Unite Against Reckless Dialysis Amendment

(COLUMBUS) – Ohioans Against the Reckless Dialysis Amendment, a broad coalition of leading kidney care organizations, nurses, physicians and patient advocates, today announced its opposition to a proposed Constitutional Amendment that threatens to reduce access to Ohio's 326 out-patient dialysis clinics for the 18,000 Ohioans suffering from kidney failure.

Dialysis providers are among the most regulated healthcare provider groups in the country. All out-patient clinics are licensed by the Ohio Department of Health, certified by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and highly regulated under current state and federal laws and regulations. Current laws and regulations address, among other things, patient safety; environmental cleanliness; infection prevention and control; emergency preparedness; staff training and continuing education; and water system and equipment maintenance. Clinics must also submit to unannounced quality assessments and inspections by the Ohio Department of Health.

"The proposed amendment was written by a California-based special interest group with no experience in dialysis care and – without any evidence of a problem – would recklessly lock dangerous, arbitrary rules into the Ohio Constitution, threatening access to high-quality care for thousands of Ohioans," said Diane Wish, co-founder and president of the Ohio Renal Association (ORA). "What's worse, the amendment calls for rebates that will end up in the pockets of insurance companies, not patients."

Wish, a registered nurse with more than 40 years of experience in providing dialysis treatment, is joined by other kidney care experts and physicians in opposition to the proposed amendment initiated by the California-based SEIU-UHW West.

"I've seen first-hand the devastating health consequences my dialysis patients face without proper access to care," said Dr. Henry Wehrum, a nephrologist (kidney specialist) with nearly 30 years of experience in the field, who also serves on the board of the Ohio Osteopathic Association (OOA). "The Ohio Constitution is simply not the place for complicated healthcare policy. And because it's written as a Constitutional Amendment, when things go wrong it can only be changed by another Constitutional Amendment – that's not a risk I'm willing to take on behalf of my patients."

Michael Needham, president and CEO of the Kidney Foundation of Ohio (KFO) added, "the Kidney Foundation of Ohio opposes the amendment because it will harm patients, not help them. The Amendment threatens to reduce the number of centers available to Ohioans, which would be especially harmful to vulnerable patients." The Kidney Foundation of Ohio is a patient advocacy group that has been providing a broad-based program of direct assistance to those with kidney disease since 1950.

To date, the organizations opposing the amendment include:

- Academy of Medicine of Cleveland and Northern Ohio
- Chronic Disease Coalition
- Diabetes Dayton
- Dialysis Patient Citizens
- Global Healthy Living Foundation
- Kidney Care Council
- Kidney Care Partners
- Kidney Foundation of Ohio
- National Renal Administrators Association

- Nonprofit Kidney Care Alliance
- Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
- Ohio Osteopathic Association
- Ohio Renal Association
- Ohio Sickle Cell and Health Association
- Ohio State Medical Association
- Renal Physicians Association
- Renal Support Network

Based on campaign finance filings, the California-based SEIU is believed to have hired hundreds of paid petition circulators, many from out-of-state, to gather signatures from Ohio voters. On Wednesday, July 4, the group submitted signatures to the Ohio Secretary of State in an attempt to qualify the issue for the November 6 Ohio statewide ballot. The petitions and signatures are now under review by elections officials.

"The SEIU has a long history of abusing the ballot issue process to advance its own political agenda," said coalition spokesperson Gene Pierce. "That its amendment would actually harm Ohio dialysis patients comes as no surprise to those familiar with the SEIU's strong-arm tactics."

Among the proposed Constitutional mandates are provisions directing the Ohio Department of Health to establish arbitrary revenue limits for Ohio clinics and require rebates to private health insurance companies should revenues exceed those arbitrary limits. The amendment excludes Medicare, Medicaid and other government payers — which cover nearly 90 percent of dialysis patients in Ohio — from receiving rebates, leaving only private health insurance companies able to receive them. The amendment does not require insurance companies to pass on any savings to patients.

Coalition members are concerned that arbitrary revenue limits will force some dialysis providers to consolidate operations or close locations, reducing access to critical dialysis care — particularly for patients in rural, urban, and underserved areas.

The non-partisan coalition is planning a statewide campaign to educate Ohio voters on the ballot issue's dangerous consequences, should the issue be placed on the ballot.

The estimated 18,000 Ohioans suffering from end stage renal disease (ESRD) typically receive life-preserving dialysis treatments in a clinic three times a week, with each visit taking three to four hours.

According to national research, missing even one dialysis treatment increases a patient's risk of death by 30 per cent. Find more information on ESRD in Ohio [here](#).



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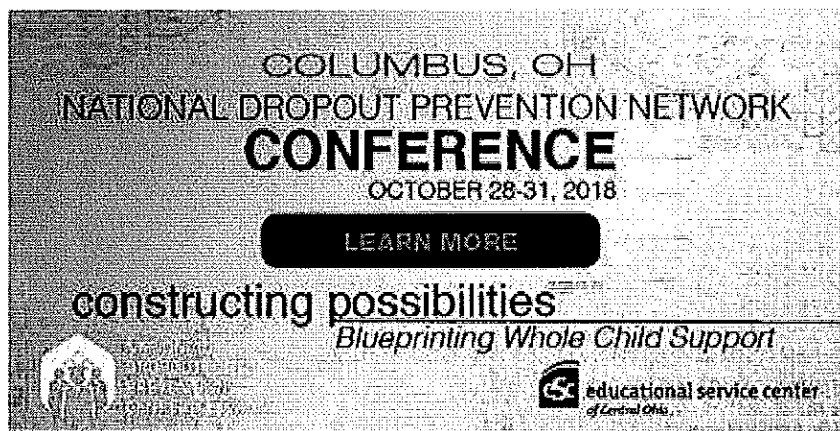
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REPORT CARD WORKGROUP RELEASES DRAFT

RECOMMENDATIONS – *The State Board of Education's Report Card Workgroup released an initial draft of its recommendations with further review to continue this fall. The group was assigned the responsibility of making recommendations for improving the state's report card system. Recommendations made would: eliminate all A-F letter grades; eliminate the Indicators Met measure as a graded measure; eliminate or change the K-3 Literacy measure; include more measures in the Prepared for Success component; and change how the report card is aesthetically presented online. A full draft of the recommendations is attached.*

Report Card Workgroup Previews Recommendations, Will Continue Work in Fall – Hannah

- At Tuesday's meeting of the State Board of Education, a work group assigned the responsibility of making recommendations for improving the state's school report card system revealed its first round of suggestions to the full board, while acknowledging that more work would need to be done through the remainder of the summer and into the fall

State School Board Delays Report Card Recommendations into Fall – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- The state school board started discussing possible changes to state report cards today, but made no decisions and kicked action indefinitely into the fall

HB591 STATE REPORT CARD REVISIONS (Rep. Mike Duffey) To revise the state report card rating system for school districts and public schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

- See bill summary

SECRET SERVICE RELEASES SCHOOL SAFETY GUIDE – The

U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center released an operational guide to provide direction on how to prevent targeted school violence. The guide includes steps to create a comprehensive targeted violence prevention plan, which includes: 1) establishing a multidisciplinary threat assessment team; 2) defining prohibited and concerning behaviors; 3) creating a central reporting mechanism; 4) determining the threshold for law enforcement intervention; 5) establishing assessment procedures; 6) developing risk management options; 7) creating and promoting safe school climates; and 8) conducting training for all stakeholders. In related news, the Ohio General Assembly recently passed House Bill 318 (HB318) which includes provisions addressing school safety and security, school resource officers, school safety and school climate program grants, positive behavior intervention and supports (PBIS) initiatives and grants to implement, suspensions and expulsions, and emergency removals of students. (NOTE: Ohio education- and local government-related legislation updates are included at the end of each Wrap.)

There's No Single Profile of a Violent Student, Secret Service Says in New Report – EdWeek

- Students who pose a safety threat to schools can be male or female, socially isolated or popular, and academic stars or poor performers—in other words, they don't fit one single stereotype. That's one key takeaway from a new report on school safety by the U.S. Secret Service. "Enhancing School Safety Using a Threat Assessment Model" states that trying to identify potentially violent students based on their personalities could miss potential threats

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HB318 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINITION (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers

STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; House concurred, Vote 71-20

- See bill [summary](#)

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Central Ohio Schools

Lots of School Construction Means Lots of Requests for Levies, Bond Issues – Columbus Dispatch

- A school construction boom underway in and near Franklin County could expand significantly after the Nov. 6 election. Five districts — Grandview Heights, Dublin, South-Western, Whitehall and Worthington — plan to approach voters this fall for the go-ahead to build. Others are farther along in the process

As Door Barricades Proliferate in Schools, So Do Questions over Their Use – Columbus Dispatch

- The use of barricades to seal doors in the event of an emergency such as a school shooter has increased in central Ohio schools, but some experts question their value

Columbus Funds Preschool Teacher Training for Another Year; Future Uncertain – Columbus Dispatch

- City-funded programs designed to improve the quality of preschool teachers in Columbus and help their schools meet state quality standards will continue for another year, but it's unclear how they will be funded beyond that

Internships Offer Paychecks, A Taste of Work to Youths Resettled from Abroad – Columbus Dispatch

- A local summer jobs program gives young people who have spent a large part of their lives in countries such as Nepal and Ethiopia the opportunity to get acclimate to the U.S. workforce through internships

BEXLEY CITY SCHOOLS

Contract's OK Changes School Times – This Week

- A new agreement for 2018-21 between the Bexley City School District and the Bexley Education Association, the teachers union, includes an extended school day that is designed to give teachers more time to plan and meet with students, according to Superintendent Kimberly Miller

BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS

Site for New BWHS, BWE Selected – Sunbury News

- The Big Walnut Local School District has ratified a contract to buy 97 acres of land within the Village of Sunbury in order to build a new high school and elementary school

CHILLICOTHE CITY SCHOOLS

Funding Tight for City to Provide More School Resource Officers – Chillicothe Gazette

- Chillicothe Police Chief Keith Washburn is very clear about what he wants out of school resource officers if an agreement can be reached to add them to two new grade-banded city school buildings set to open over the coming school year

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS

School Board Oks Tax Breaks for CoverMyMeds HQ, High-Rise Complex – Columbus Dispatch

- The Columbus Board of Education approved two massive tax breaks Friday, including one of the largest in the city's history for a proposed CoverMyMeds headquarters that would bring an estimated 1,000 new jobs. But estimates of how much potential tax cash is being forgiven were elusive

Columbus Schools Task Force Cuts Off Debate on Closing Administrative Buildings – Columbus Dispatch

- Three members of the Columbus City Schools facilities task force voted Friday against narrowing the list of potential administrative sites to shutter after other members grew weary of their questions and voted to end debate

DELAWARE CITY SCHOOLS

BOE Approves Expansion – Delaware Gazette

- The Delaware City Schools Board of Education approved an expansion to the transportation center, staffing changes, as well as numerous contracts with special education services during its Monday meeting

DCS BOE Swears in New Member – Delaware Gazette

- The Delaware City Schools Board of Education meeting today will be the first one since new student board member Caroline Binkley took the oath of office last month

DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS

School Board Finalizes Its Tax Request for Fall Ballot – This Week

- Residents in the Dublin City School District will be asked to approve a multifaceted tax issue in November. Voters will decide whether to fund construction of new buildings and the renovation of old buildings, among other district initiatives

FAIRBANKS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Fairbanks Superintendent Leaving to Run Sidney Schools in Shelby County – Columbus Dispatch

- Bob Humble, who has been Fairbanks superintendent for the past decade, will be moving to west central Ohio to lead the Sidney City Schools in Shelby County

Fairbanks Superintendent Takes Job in Sidney – Marysville Journal-Tribune

- Fairbanks School District will need to find a new leader. Superintendent Bob Humble announced he will step down at Fairbanks to take the same position in another district

GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Slocum Ready for New Role as Lincoln Principal – This Week

- Gahanna Lincoln High School academic officer Jessica N. Slocum is poised to become the next Lincoln principal effective Aug. 1

Lopez Chosen to Lead Gahanna-Jefferson's Royal Manor Staff – This Week

- The Gahanna-Jefferson Public School District today, June 29, announced that Alissa Lopez is being recommended as the new principal at Royal Manor Elementary School

GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS

Financial Review Focused on Community's Interests – This Week District Notebook

- Jack Kukura and Katie Matney, members of the Grandview Heights City School District's financial-advisory committee, write that they recommend the schools be updated, but with updates that make sense

Grandview Heights School District Will Ask for Nod on \$55.2M Bond Issue – This Week

- The Grandview Heights City School District will seek voter approval in November of a \$55.2 million bond issue to fund its school-facilities plan, along with a 1-mill operating levy

GROVEPORT MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS

Groveport Madison Board Questions How Survey Was Conducted – This Week

- Groveport Madison school district officials plan to schedule what they're calling "community engagement sessions" to look at public perception of facility needs and grade configurations after classes resume in the fall

Groveport Madison School Board Reviews Extracurricular Fees – Columbus Messenger

- Some members of the Groveport Madison Board of Education have questioned how and why extracurricular fees are assessed to parents and students in the district

LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

First Designs for New Licking Heights High School Shared – Newark Advocate

- Licking Heights recently held its latest in a series of planned forums to preview preliminary sketches of the new Licking Heights High School, and to collect feedback from community members regarding those plans

REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS

Reynoldsburg Schools Want to Open the World to Students – Columbus Dispatch

- The Reynoldsburg Board of Education this week approved trips to France and New York. In July, the board will consider approving trips to Costa Rica, Italy and Greece, and China

Reynoldsburg High Schoolers Headed for Foreign Travel – This Week

- Reynoldsburg High School students will have the opportunity to take educational trips to New York starting in the fall and to travel abroad next summer

SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS

School Construction Project: Levy to Fund Round Two Almost Set – This Week

- While work on constructing an addition to Bolton Crossing Elementary School is underway, the South-Western City School District is preparing to place a bond issue on the November ballot to help fund the second phase of its Ohio Facilities Construction Commission project

SWCS Board Unanimous in Vote to Pursue Bond Issue – This Week

- It's official. The South-Western City School District Board of Education voted unanimously July 9 to place a 1.86-mill bond issue on the Nov. 6 ballot

Bond Issue on the Ballot for SWCS – Columbus Messenger

- Six years ago, voters approved a no-new millage bond issue that allowed the South-Western City Schools District to fund half of a \$260 million state partnership project to replace 13 elementary buildings, renovate two others, and build a new high school. Now, the district is hoping voters will do the same come this fall, but at the middle school level

UPPER ARLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

Upper Arlington High School Plans Revised to Stay within Budget – This Week

- Plans for the reconstruction of Upper Arlington High School and related athletics facilities have been revised after previous designs came in \$15 million over budget

WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

Westerville School Board Oks Contract with Teachers, Other Employees – Columbus Dispatch

- The Westerville Board of Education on Monday approved four union contracts with the district's teachers, support staff members and bus drivers and made an agreement with its nonunion employees

Westerville School Board OKs Pact with Unions, Nonunion Staff – This Week

- The Westerville school board on July 9 approved contracts with four bargaining units and with nonunion employees

Wilburn, Fullen Take Leadership Roles at Westerville Elementary Schools – This Week

- Students and families at Annehurst Elementary School will welcome a new principal this fall, while Fouse, McVay and Pointview elementary schools will share a new assistant principal

Assessment to Narrow Focus on Westerville School District's Safety Needs – This Week

- Comprehensive site assessments are scheduled to begin next month in the Westerville City School District to identify what is needed in each building to help keep students safe

WHITEHALL CITY SCHOOLS

Whitehall Welcomes I Know I Can – This Week

- Students at Whitehall-Yearling High School, upon their return to class Aug. 20, can take advantage of a new program called I Know I Can

WORTHINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

Worthington Schools Adding Safety Initiatives – This Week It's Worth It

- Trent Bowers, superintendent of Worthington City Schools, writes that their district will be enhancing school-safety initiatives for the next school year

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Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education

Each Child, Our Future: Ohio's Strategic Plan for Education: Built by Ohioans for Ohioans – ODE

- View the strategic plan as approved by the State Board

School Board to Discuss Report Card Changes, Delays; Vote Set for Reading Cut Score – Hannah

- The State Board of Education is scheduled to vote on an increased cut score for the third grade reading guarantee

School Board Talks Budget Priorities – Hannah

- State Board of Education members and Superintendent Paolo DeMaria discussed Monday topics and focus areas they'd like to see given priority when the superintendent presents FY20-21 budget recommendations to the board in September

School Board OKs 'Modest' Bump in Reading Cut Score after Defeating More Aggressive Proposal – Hannah

- The third grade English test score required for promotion to fourth grade under the state's third grade reading guarantee will increase from 672 to 677 in the coming school year following a vote Tuesday of the State Board of Education. A board committee had recommended a more aggressive increase to 682 earlier in the day, but that proposal failed narrowly at the full board

Report Card Workgroup Previews Recommendations, Will Continue Work in Fall – Hannah

- At Tuesday's meeting of the State Board of Education, a work group assigned the responsibility of making recommendations for improving the state's school report card system revealed its first round of suggestions to the full board, while acknowledging that more work would need to be done through the remainder of the summer and into the fall

State School Board Delays Report Card Recommendations into Fall – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- The state school board started discussing possible changes to state report cards today, but made no decisions and kicked action indefinitely into the fall

Ohio Schools Have Their Preliminary State Test Scores, and They're Mostly Positive – Dayton Daily News

- Ohio students improved proficiency rates on 18 of 21 major state tests this spring, according to preliminary results released this week by the Ohio Department of Education

Guidance on Integrating Coursework and Awarding Simultaneous Credit Now Available – ODE

- Districts, traditional schools, community schools and chartered nonpublic schools are allowed by state law to integrate learning standards from multiple subject areas into a single course that yields simultaneous credits

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Ohio School Finance & Budget

BWC Gives \$8M for Schools, Police in Safety Grant Program – Hannah

- The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) is expanding its safety grant program to provide \$8 million for Ohio schools and police departments as part of two-year, \$44 million safety investment following the \$1.5 billion rebate program

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Ohio Education & Public Policy

Ohio Teacher Evaluations Get an Overhaul Teachers Like – Columbus Dispatch

- Once again, Ohio teachers are going to face a new state-mandated evaluation system — but this time, most agree it's a good thing

Ohio Lawmakers Back Bill Requiring Teachers to Out Transgender Kids – Dayton Daily News

- Teachers, school counselors and others who supervise children would be required to out transgender children to their parents, under a bill pending in the Ohio House

More States Opting to 'Robo-Grade' Student Essays by Computer – NPR

- Machines are also grading students' essays. Computers are scoring long form answers on anything from the fall of the Roman Empire, to the pros and cons of government regulations
- Several states including Utah and Ohio already use automated grading on their standardized tests

New Education Laws to Affect E-Schools, Discipline, Resource Officers – Hannah

- Among dozens of bills passing before lawmakers' summer recess last week were several changing education policy in Ohio. While last-minute amendments addressed e-school accountability in the wake of the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT) scandal, other bills set to become law upon the governor's signature addressed everything from educational service

center (ESC) governance to restrictions on the use of suspension and expulsion

Laws Will Change Ohio School Safety, Behavior, Suspensions – Dayton Daily News

- Students and teachers will be operating under some new guidelines beginning this fall because the state legislature recently passed a host of measures aimed at balancing school safety techniques with the state's interest in getting all children the best education possible

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos Visits Toledo, Northwest Ohio – Toledo Blade

- As the nation's highest ranking education official toured a northwest Ohio career center on Monday, a small contingent of protesters gathered outside to voice their frustration with her policies

School Districts Should Adopt Uniform Crowdfunding Policies, Auditor Says – Columbus Dispatch

- More than half of Ohio school districts do not have specific policies on crowdfunding, according to Ohio Auditor Dave Yost, even as more schools and teachers are turning to fundraising websites to pay for classroom projects and needs

Auditor Offers Best Practices on Crowdfunding by Teachers – Hannah

- With a growing number of teachers using crowdfunding websites as a means of raising money for educational supplies, Ohio Auditor Dave Yost issued a report Wednesday on best practices for school districts to ensure the sites are used properly

DeWine Lays Out Gubernatorial Platform to Regional Councils – Hannah

- As he often has in the recent past, DeWine said that starts with a PK-20 system that incorporates vocational awareness in the first years of early childhood education

Cordray Promises 'Fundamentally Different' Ohio If Elected, Touts Infrastructure Bond Issue – Hannah

- While he said he doesn't disagree with DeWine that there needs to be intervention to help kids before the age of five, Cordray said he wants to see more support go to child care for working families

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Ohio Schools

Ohio Unsure of Status of 2,300 Students from Closed E-School – Columbus Dispatch/AP

- Many of the students enrolled in Ohio's largest online charter school when it closed in January have transferred to other schools, but state officials don't know what happened with about 2,300 students

Investigation Reveals Thousands of Ohio K-3 Students Suspended Each Year – State Impact Ohio

- A new WYSO analysis of state education data show Ohio school officials issued 30,000 suspensions to kindergarten through third-grade students during the 2016 school year. In Dayton, the same data show hundreds of younger students are removed from classrooms each year

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- Ohio students improved proficiency rates on 18 of 21 major state tests this spring, according to preliminary results released this week by the Ohio Department of Education

The Secret Service Has Made School Safety Recommendations. What Are Local Districts Already Doing? – Dayton Daily News

- The Secret Service on Thursday published a national school safety guide that urged districts to take major steps in the wake of continuing school shootings, like February's devastating attack that killed 17 in Parkland, Fla

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Ohio School Facilities Commission

OFCC Approves FY19 Construction Projects, Legal Requests – Hannah

- The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) Thursday unanimously approved a full agenda of items, including adjustments to construction in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, new FY19 school construction projects and legal authorization to seek restitution for improper facilities work

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NATIONAL/WORLD

Federal & US Department of Education

Special Education Bias Rule Put on Hold for Two Years by DeVos Team – EdWeek

- The U.S. Department of Education is delaying, by two years, implementation of a rule that would require states to take a closer look at how school districts identify and serve minority students with disabilities

Trump Withdraws Obama-Era Guidance on Racial Diversity in K-12, Higher Ed. – EdWeek

- President Donald Trump's administration rescinded several guidance documents issued under President Barack Obama that emphasized permissible ways for schools and colleges to take race into account to promote student diversity

US to Stop Encouraging Race as Factor in School Admissions – AP

- The Trump administration said Tuesday that it would not encourage schools to use race as a factor in the admissions process, rescinding Obama-era guidance meant to promote diversity among students

K-12 and the U.S. Supreme Court: Highlights of the 2017-18 Term – EdWeek

- After a major term for K-12 education the year before, the U.S. Supreme Court—with one blockbuster exception and a major retirement—had a more measured term in 2017-18

Counseling, Mental Health Access Dominate Federal School Safety Meeting – EdWeek

- Students—especially those from vulnerable populations and children in remote areas—aren't getting nearly enough access to mental health services. That's according to a slew of experts who testified before the federal school safety commission

Enhancing School Safety Using a Threat Assessment Model: An Operational Guide for Preventing Targeted School Violence – US Department of Homeland Security/US Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center

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Puerto Rico to Pilot New Student-Centered Funding System – USDOE

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced that the Puerto Rico Department of Education (PRDE) will be the first to pilot new flexibility under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to create a student-centered funding system. The model is designed to equitably allocate local, state and federal resources based on student needs

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Education Policy & Finance

States Slow to Revamp Accountability Systems under ESSA – THE Journal

- Even though the 2015 Every Student Succeeds Act was supposed to address inadequacies of educational accountability related to federally-mandated standardized testing, a recent research project has found that, overall, states are still using the same large-scale student assessments that were in place before ESSA

How Does School Accountability Affect Teachers? Evidence from New York City – National Bureau of Economic Research

- Using data from New York City, which assigns accountability grades to schools based on student achievement, I perform a regression discontinuity analysis and find evidence of the opposite effect. At the bottom end of the school grade distribution, I find that a lower accountability grade decreases teacher turnover and increases joining teachers' quality

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Educator Effectiveness

Most Teachers Say Feedback Has Improved Their Instruction, Survey Finds – EdWeek

- A new national survey sheds some light on how teachers value evaluative feedback, finding that most teachers do think they have made improvements to their practice as a result of their evaluation system

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School Improvement

School Turnaround after Five Years – Tennessee Education Research Alliance/Vanderbilt

- In this research brief, we expand on our previous analysis with data through 2016-17, five years after the reforms began. This analysis provides a more definitive depiction of how the mature ASD and iZone reforms have affected student achievement

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Dropout Prevention & Re-Engaging Youth

Writing the Rules for Tackling Chronic Absenteeism – FutureEd/Attendance Works

- A new report from FutureEd and Attendance Works lays out the following steps to strengthen attendance collection and to ensure districts are using the data to identify schools and students who need the most help

Disciplined and Disconnected – America's Promise Alliance/Pearson

- Disciplinary actions in schools often represent a missed opportunity. In many cases, the systems in place are purely reactive and lack a preventative component to address student behavior. Traditional systems do not consider what the child is experiencing in and outside of school that might affect student behavior. This report explores how students experience exclusionary discipline, why it leads them to disconnect from school, and the promising, non-exclusionary practices that exist

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Secret Service Issues Guide to Help Prevent School Shootings – New York Times

- A federal report released backs another model that school safety experts have for years supported as a way to save lives: the formation of "threat assessment teams" that employ mental health, law enforcement and education professionals to help identify and support troubled youths

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Mental Health & Wellness

The Importance of Sleep for Teen Mental Health – US News & World Report

- For most adolescents, nine hours of sleep is ideal. Unfortunately, very few are actually managing that. In fact, surveys show that less than 9 percent of teens get enough sleep

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Leadership

Principals Say Coaching Not Compliance Is What They Need from Central Office – EdWeek

- In six districts that changed the role of the administrators who oversee principals, those supervisors are spending more time in schools—coaching principals and helping them become better instructional leaders

A New Role Emerges for Principal Supervisors: Evidence from Six Districts in the Principal Supervisor Initiative – Wallace Foundation/Vanderbilt University

- Six school districts demonstrate the feasibility of substantially changing the role of the principal supervisor so it can focus more on principal support and less on operations

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Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

HOUSE

HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

STATUS: House Finance Committee – Reported out

HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 29-0; House concurs, Vote 88-0

HB14AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB21COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

STATUS: Signed by Governor

HB24VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS-TAX EXEMPTION (Rep. Timothy Ginter) - To modify the existing tax exemption for veterans organizations' property, to make appropriations and otherwise provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB34OFFICIAL NOTICE DELIVERY (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Scott Ryan) To authorize certain state agencies, local governments, and other boards, commissions, and officers to deliver certain notices by ordinary mail and electronically instead of by certified mail

STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 30-0

HB37SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB40 GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

Status: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out

HB47 STUDENTS IN MILITARY (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB49 OPERATING BUDGET (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective July 1, 2017

HB51 DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB53 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB58 CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 89-4

HB66 UNDERGRAD MISSION STUDY COMMITTEE (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB69 LEVY REVENUE REIMBURSEMENT (Rep. Bob Cupp) To require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective March 23, 2018

HB74 INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB77 SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB80 SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee

HB87 COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by Senate, Vote 30-2; House concurred, Vote 70-22

HB89 AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB98 CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective June 29, 2018

HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require

educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

STATUS: House Finance Committee

HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective October 17, 2017

HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out

HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

STATUS: (Passed by House) Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0

HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately

HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school

district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended

HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee

HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey)

With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; and to authorize public schools to establish computer science and technology funds

STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective March 23, 2018

HB176 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended

HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB181 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB186 COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree

or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee

HB200 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Bill amended

HB203 YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Bill amended

HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee

HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee

HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended

HB235 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Education Committee

HB237 MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS (Rep. Dorothy Peland) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to

facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB240 RESPECT YOUR DATE ACT (Barnes, Jr. J) To enact the "Respect Your Date Act" to designate the month of April as "Respect Your Date Month" and to require each state institution of higher education to adopt a policy regarding dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and rape on campus and to declare an emergency

STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Reported out as amended

HB242 SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

STATUS: House Aging & Long Term Care Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB246 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

HB262 INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB298 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SICK DAYS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To make changes with respect to the number of sick days provided to public employees

STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee

HB312 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (Rep. Kirk Schuring, Rep. Dave Greenspan) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions

STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee – Substitute bill accepted & reported out; Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0; House concurred, Vote 91-0

HB318 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DEFINITION (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers